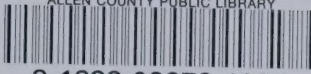


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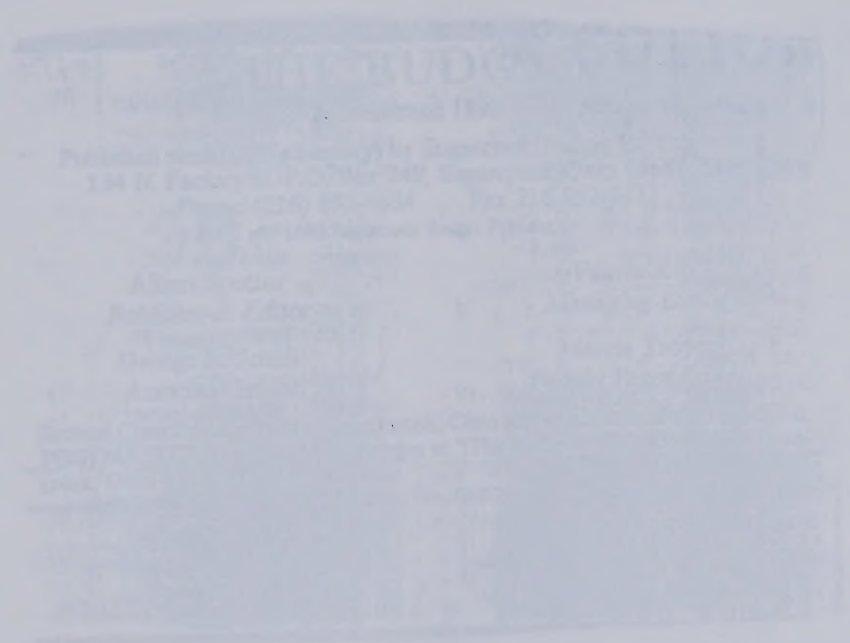
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FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

Dec. 24--I was told that this December could go down as the coldest in Va. history. The temperatures have ranged from zero to the 30s the last two weeks.

Quite a few left yesterday to spend their vacation elsewhere. Noah and Eli Ray Weavers left for Ala. and Elvin Yoders went to his folks in Pa. Uria Shetlers made some fast plans yesterday after hearing of the death of a friend (Bontrager) in Mich. They left in the afternoon with plans to spend some time at their daughter's in Ind. before going on to the funeral.

Ezra Troyers spent the afternoon and evening in Stuarts Draft today. Alvin Beachy, Stuarts Draft, was here yesterday at Ezra's, hunting and skating with Michael.

Amon Wagler, Ind., was in the area Wed. and Thursday. His main reason for coming was to be with his buddy, James Troyer Wed. evening some of the youth, with Amon, went skating.

Thurs. eve., the 14th, Al Buczek showed slides from their trip overseas. He had a lot of pictures concerning the concentration camps. He showed pictures of rooms full of shoes, eyeglasses, and suitcases taken from the Jews before they were killed. There were separate rooms for each and they were full. Also locks of hair (not a room full); the Jews had to have their hair shaved off before going to the gas chambers. They used this hair to make cloth. He said they would kill as many as 9,000 Jews a day. He showed a picture of a huge chimney and said it was a joke of Hitler's that the only way a Jew left the place was through it. They took them from the gas chambers and cremated them. It was really awful, the things they went through.

Fri. morn., Elvin Yoder's house was on fire. The top story was burned the worst as the fire started on the roof. They were able to salvage quite a bit of their belongings and are planning to build in the country. Ray Yoders, Mission Home, came Sat. to help in cleaning up and sewing some clothes. Mark, John, and Carla Yoder made a quick trip down from Cattlet in the evening, bringing things for the family. A load of things from the Grantsville area was received Monday. People from the community gave clothes, money, and groceries. Elvins are lodging with Noah Weavers at the present.

Marie Schwartz

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Dec. 26--Cold weather is still prevailing in Madison County with a good cover of snow. Lows were from five to fourteen below zero.

Some building work is at a standstill with David Kipps having moved into their new home. John Nissleys house is being finished inside.

There are many people coming and going. Ministers and families, Samuel Nislys of Ga., and Elmer Masts of Whiteville, Tenn. were here and the brethren spoke at Oak Grove Sunday, 24th.

Sarah Keim is much better and hopefully will not need any more chemotherapy.

J. Elmer Yoder has had a short stay at the hospital for diagnosis, but is not very well.

A local paper carried an article recently about the measles epidemic among the Amish, saying that some vaccines used were not effective. I am reminded of a similar epidemic in Holmes Co., Ohio in April of 1926 or 27 when many older people were afflicted with measles.

Since communion is being discredited, will socialism and the new age movement take its place?

Noah Keim

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

Dec. 23-- We had a big snow on top of the one Dec. 8 and temp. has stayed so low that it can't go away. The high for the last few days has been in the teens and lows near zero. This is a new record.

We missed a week of school, though students were doing some work at home. It did interfere with getting ready for our Christmas program which we had the 20th. Thurs. was our closing day for Christmas vacation. We were served a delicious noon meal by some of the mothers.

Melvin and Verna Good are the happy parents of little George William, weighing 6½ lbs., born the 18th. He has 3 brothers ages 10 to 15 and one sister, 14.

Fannie Martin spent some time in Pa. with their dau. Karen, the Larry Weavers, who have a new baby born Dec. 2. Fannie stayed longer than planned because of the snowstorm here. Her husband Paul and grandson Jason went after her the 15th.

Mary Ellen Ressler from Mn. and her

bro. Tim, now working in Ark., were in the community, coming yesterday and leaving this morn. for Pa. Their parents are C.L. John Ressler, formerly from here and bro. to Mrs. Dan Zehr. They also visited cousins Milo and James Zehrs and Bobby Yoders. Their mother Naomi was a Derstine from Pa. They had lived in Pa. but moved to Mn. about 18 years ago, having a large farm. Naomi also worked as a nurse for many years. She is a former Budget scribe.

Our church went caroling last night, dividing into small groups. Icy conditions around homes made it a little difficult to get around. Forty baskets were fixed to hand out.

Grandson Ivan (Leon's), whose 10th birthday is the 29th, took sick last eve. and had severe stomach pains. After consulting the doctor, they agreed to meet him at the hospital and he was operated on about 11:00 p.m. for acute appendicitis. Leons are still not able to drive all the way back to their house because of the ice, so Lynn Martin brought them out with his 4-wheel drive.

Henry Zooks arrived home safely from their visit in Guatemala visiting dau. Judy and son Daniel and getting acquainted with the work there.

Ernest and Lovina Yoder

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Dec. 26--Temp. for the past week didn't rise much over 30, so we are thankful for the covering of snow.

Sharon Schrock from Bedford, Pa. spent the holidays with her parents, Alvin Schrocks, bringing along Frieda Kauffman, also Verna Mast from McVeytown, Pa.

Amos Zooks and dau. Mrs. Mary Jane Miller went to Paris, Tn. over the holidays.

The Mt. Zion and Pilgrim Fellowship congregation had joint services on Christmas Day.

Tobe Yoders had a family gathering at Paul Hershbergers' on Sat. and we noticed Maynard Nisleys were here from Ind.

Joseph Summys from Aroda and Edwin Summys were with us for Christmas dinner.

Sat. was the last day of the season for Kinsingers Kountry Kitchen, which will be closed until March 1. Two of their workers, Joyce and Dawn Martin, left for their Ind. home right away.

Simon Beachys were at Oakland over the weekend.

John and Iva Schrock and 2 little daus. left for Millersburg, Ind. on Sat., the 16th, to be with her sister Martha and family, whose husband Galen Bontrager was in the hospital with acute leukemia. Word was received that he passed away Thur., 21st. Elmer and Ida Schrock, Kathryn Miller, dau. of Raymond Millers, and Lisa Gingerich, who works at Mission Home, left early Sat. morn. for the funeral. Kathryn will be traveling back home with her bro. Melvin, who is teaching school for the Hebron Church dist. and wants to be with home folks for a week's vacation.

Juor Millers have gone to Iowa to see their baby dau., Mary Beth, who was taken there earlier by her Aunt Irene Beachy for treatments. John Summy

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

Dec. 26--Thomas & Edith (Beachy) Miller, Ohio, announce the birth of a son, Christopher Thomas on Dec. 9.

Sun. eve. (17th), Bob & Susie Yoder & my sister Dorcas, Catlett, were here. He showed slides of our trip to Europe last spring.

Miriam's parents, the Jonas Millers, and her sisters Joy & Gloria, Ohio, spent some time with her here, enroute to Delaware for Christmas.

The Chris Troyer and Paul Sommers family came to spend Christmas with the women's bro. and family, the David Rabers.

The Rodger Byers family enjoyed holiday visitors, too. Ruth's parents, the Jonas Hershbergers, Ohio, and all their single children were here. Bro. Jonas preached for us on Sun. morn.

About 30 of the home children, nearly all the cottage youth, about 30 single staff, 5 home families and 2 other church families spent Christmas away from here. There were still enough of us here to have about 50 at the home for a traditional Christmas dinner. Some of the families ate at home, but a number of them joined us for dinner, helping with the food, too. In the afternoon the staff on duty and the residents here caroled at Martha Jefferson Hospital.

We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels, due to send in in March. We have collected around 14,000 but need about 7,000 more to reach our goal. We are very grateful for the many who have sent us coupons and assume a number of people are collecting them for us. Other brand names that count as credit toward our goal are: Mrs. Paul's (quality pledge panel), Prego Spaghetti Sauces, Franco-American, V8 Juice boxes (UPC symbol), V8 can labels, Swanson Frozen Foods (proof of purchase seal), Marie's Salad Dressings (safety seal), Vlasic Pickle Products (lid), and Pepperidge Farm Products (UPC symbol).

Linda Rose Miller

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Dec. 27--Christmas a.m. our thermometer showed -6°. Snow is still on the ground, but we had thawing temp. yest.

Uncle Jonas Hershberger came home from the hosp. Thurs. a.m. Thurs. noon I took my parents (from Ore.) and Myrna, to Cumberland, and we had lunch with Edna Kramer and Jonas and had a nice visit.

Mrs. Larry Miller flew to Ore. on Thurs., planning to be gone a week, visiting her parents, LeRoy Schrock at Albany, Ore., and other family members.

Walter Weavers went to Rutherfordton, N.C. for the weekend and Christmas day, to be with Fred Masts, Ellen Weaver and Ken Weavers. Newlyweds Jerry Weavers were there, too. Jerrys are back from their wedding trip now; N.C. was the last stop.

Darryl Masts were to Lebanon, Pa. to her parents', John Weavers', for the holiday weekend.

Timothy Mast and Mervin Hooleys left for Oh. early Sat. a.m., traveling together. Tims were headed for Byard Horsts at Dalton, and Mervins to Bill Sommers' at Kensington; both parental homes of the wives.

Joe Weavers took John H. Millers to Fred Zimmermans' at Clayton, Dela. on Sat. John and Glenola plan to stay at Freds' for awhile. Carl and Marlin Miller from here, Dennis Millers of Rutherfordton, N.C. and Arnie Martin of Broadway, Va. were also at Freds' for Christmas.

LaMar Bear was to Rutherfordton, N.C. for the holidays, visiting Nina Knepp, at Arnold Hooleys'.

Ruth Hoover, Carl, Rhoda and Lynda of Myerstown, Pa. and Enos Lehman of Chambersburg, Pa. were guests of Steve Masts' from Sun. evening to Mon. evening.

Martha Hertzler and Rachel Mast traveled up from N.C. on Sat., going back on Tues. Martha was with her family, Marvin Hertzlers.

Noah Weavers went to Carbon Hill, Oh. for the holiday weekend, visiting family connections on both the Weaver and Good sides.

The young folks went caroling Fri. and Sun. evenings, ending up at Nelson Hooleys' Fri. and Sam Weavers' on Sun., for refreshments.

Daniel Weaver saw some wild turkeys near his house on Sat., so went out to try getting one. He thought he missed, so shot again, ending up with two!

Marvin Masts left for southern Ind. last Sun. night, for a visit with her family, Joseph Grabers, at Montgomery.

Mark Torkelsons of Keymar, Md., Marvin Zooks of Narvon, Pa., John Schrock of Lanc., Pa. and Lloyd Masts of Rutherfordton, N.C. arrived at our house Sun. evening. On Mon. we had a family gathering in Amelia, at a rented school cafeteria. Besides the above families, those attending were Melvin and Anna Schrock (ages 80 and 75) of Halsey, Ore., Paul and June Schrock of Scottsdale, Pa., Dean Masts of Rutherfordton, N.C., Brent Schrock of Ephrata, Pa., Delbert Wengers of Akron, Pa., Luke Schrock-Hursts of Richmond, Va., Mahlon Masts of Augusta, Wisc., Tim Reinford of Newville, Pa., plus Rebekah Mast and our family (local).

Yest. a.m. our boys discovered smoke in one of our broiler houses. The ceiling got wet from moisture and dripped on a plug, which ignited and burned up a cord into the ceiling, where the insulation was smoldering and a rafter was charred, leaving a burned hole in the ceiling.

Silas Martins left today for Hagerstown, Md. to be with son Steve Martins, and dau. Nelson Doutrichs of Myers-town, Pa. They also plan to attend the wedding of Patricia Oakes.

We enjoyed the week my parents (Melvin Schrock) were with us. Dean Masts took them along to N.C. yest., where they plan to be until Jan. 4, when they will board Amtrak for the return journey to Ore. If they can get a ticket earlier they may leave Jan. 2 or 3.

Mrs. James E. Mast

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Dec. 31--All of our family was here for the holidays with the exception of Jim and Ann and children who live in Germany. We did talk with them on Christmas day. Johnny and family from Minerva, Oh., Leon from Lanc., Pa. and the others who live around here came here for Christmas dinner. We were all at my son Joe Miller's home on Christmas evening for dinner and our gift exchange. Vicki, Johnny's dau., came from Aroda, Va. where she is in service on Tues. and spent a day with us, too. Johnny and Ruth took her back on Thurs. on their way home to Oh.

The weather has warmed up and it is now 50°. Today Janet and I went over to my sis.-in-law's house (Mrs. Steve Miller) for a black-eyed pea dinner. That is what people in the south eat on New Year's Day. Mrs. John H. Miller

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

Jan. 2--We have welcomed Jessica Peachey, Wisconsin, to the staff. Her parents, the David Peachey's brought her.

The Rodger Byers family enjoyed having his sister and family here from Pa., the Marvin Sensenigs.

Regina Kramer returned from her trip to Fla. accompanied by Mark Beachy and Reuben Smucker.

Most of the church members went to Belleville, Pa. for the funeral on New Year's Day of Willard Kuhns, who had worked here about 9 years. He died with complications from a virus on his lungs. He and his wife, the former Anna Peachey, have three daughters. Her address is R.R. 1, Box 9, South Kish St., Belleville, Pa. 17004. Linda Rose Miller

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 3--We had a real change in weather, with daytime temp. in the 50's. The snow disappeared fast.

Raymond Bear's guests last week were Vernon Grabers, Marlene Miller and daughter and the Mervin Lehman family, all from the Middlebury, Ind. area.

Jerry Weavers moved into their house on Sat. Their new address is Rt. 2, Box 367, Amelia, Va. 23002. There is to be a reception for them tomorrow eve. Jerrys had been in Marvin Mast's house for four days. Marvin's got back from In. Sat. eve.

Melvin Mast went to his parents' in N.C. on Thurs. eve. He and Delbert came back late Sat. night, each driving a vehicle.

Steve Shenk and David Yoder of Dublin, Ga. were in church Sun. David came to work for Nelson Hooley and Steve plans to go to Union Mills, N.C. to work for Arnold Hooley.

Arnold was through here on Sat., going on to Pittsville, Md. to be with his wife at Willis Knepps' for Sun.

Mahlon Masts of Augusta, Wi., who were here a day less than 3 weeks, left Sat. a.m. for Willis Knepps in Md., planning to head home from there.

Sam Weavers were to her parents', John Brubakers, at Lancaster, Pa. for the weekend.

Phil Weavers of Carbon Hill, Oh. were visitors in church Sun. He came to hunt deer, as doe season opened on Mon. The Clarence Weaver family was all together Mon. eve. for supper at David Weavers'. Vernon and Frances Weaver of Powhatan dropped by later in the eve.

Successful hunters on opening day were Steve Mast, Joe Shank, Nelson Swartzentruber, Melvin Mast and John Eli Heatwole. John Eli also got one yest. He and Kevin Shenk came to Lyle Shanks' Sun. eve. from Harrisonburg to hunt a couple days.

Raymond Bear, LaMar and Alfred left Fri. for Elida, Ohio. They did some work at David Goods' on Sat. and were with Raymond's mother, Mary Bear. His bro. Franklin Bears of Alberta were there, which was the main reason for going out. They came home Mon.

Lloyd Masts of N.C. spent a week here, going on to Harrisonburg Sun. p.m., spending two nights with Orville Witmers. They attended the New Year's Day wedding of DeVon Eby and Rachel Slabaugh at Pleasant Valley.

Delbert Mast, our whole family and Beverly Mast also attended the above wedding.

Miriam Weaver of Jonestown, Pa. and Barbara Lyndaker of Lowville, N.Y. were our supper guests last eve. They visited David Weavers and Steve Masts and were overnight at John D. Millers'. They are headed for Scurry, Tx., with plans to work at Chester Weaver's bakery for a year. Mrs. James E. Mast

CUMBERLAND, VA

Dec. 31--Eli and children were to church today. I stayed at home with a terrible headache.

Born to Danny and Lavina Good was a little boy named Galen David. He weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. Danny is the school teacher at our school.

On Dec. 23 Herman and Sharon Yoder and Noah and Eli Rays Weaver left for Alabama.

Today Michael Yoders were in church. They moved up to Cartersville on Dec. 28, 1989. They are working for the same people that Conrad Haggys worked for before they moved to Chambersburg, Pa. Michael is the son of David and Barbara Yoder of Fairplay, S.C. and his wife Joy is the dau. of Alvin and Maggie Schrock from here.

Jan. 1--The footer is poured for bro. Elvin's home. They are hoping to get things underway to get into their own place.

Marilyn Weaver and Dorcas Shetler left for Ohio on Fri. They left to attend the wedding of Dorcas's sister Joy Shetler.

On Fri. Bro. Elvins came back from Grantsville, Md. They had gone up to spend some time with mother.

Next week our school and the Shepherds school will be back in session. Our dau. still has about 4 weeks of driver's edd. then she will be able to get her license.

Mary Jane Yoder

MT. CRAWFORD, VA

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

Jan. 4--The past several days have been beautiful sunny days, and today it is raining. The snow is almost gone.

Dec. 21st our dau. Cynthianna, 4th grader, had a sled accident at school. She ran into the brick corner of the school door, making a 1½" gash which took one stitch inside and 7 stitches on the outside. She's getting along real well.

Visitors at church Sun., Dec. 24 were Daniel Haltemans and James Haltemans from Elizabethtown, Pa., Leroy Lehmanns from Amelia, Va., Daniel and Barbara Schrock from Halsey, Ore. and 3 of Daniel's sisters (formerly from Costa Rica, now living at Stuarts Draft, Va.), Naomi Schrock, Luis and Judy Swartzentrubers, Jame and Susan Mejia and daus. Joyce and Darlene. Daniel Schrock and his sisters and families were our dinner guests. Daniels live about a mile from my folks in Ore. Other visitors at church that morning were Anna Mary Detwiler and 4 children from Chambersburg, Pa.

The school children had off a week from school. On Thurs. there was a comfort knotting at Mark Shanks'. All the women and girls from church were invited to help knot the comfort and after

it was finished it was given to Rachel Slabaugh as a "warm remembrance" gift from our church.

Sun., Dec. 31st visitors at church were Jerry Beachys and Benjamin Millers, Annie and Lorena Ropp and Clara Miller, all from Kalona, Ia. area, and Loriann Yoder from Colby, Wisc. They were all in the area for the Jan. 1st wedding of Devon Eby and Rachel Slabaugh. This was the first girl to be married of our church since it was organized 12 years ago. There were around 250 people at the wedding and reception. The reception was at the Shady Oak reception hall. Devon and Rachel took a wedding trip to Fla. They will be living near Shippensburg, Pa. and attending Spring Valley church.

Today Edgar Landises' girls are gathering eggs for John Beachys, while Johns and Jerry Beachys went to Washington, D.C. for the day. Johns backed out of buying the poultry farm. They didn't want to be gathering eggs manually the rest of their life (I heard around 8,000 eggs a day).

Tomorrow Amos and a van load of menfolk plan to go up and help clean up after the fire at King Oil Co., owned by John King of Hagerstown, Md.

Amos and Carrie Strite

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Jan. 2--A warmer trend put an end to our cold weather and with an all-day rain and drizzle our snow has all melted.

Simon Beachy's trucks were loaded on Wed., so they left for their new home in Belvidere, Tn. Thur. morn. Floyd Petersheims accompanied them and will be staying with them for the time being.

All of Adam Miller's children, except John, Neal and Irene (Mrs. Crist Zook), came to remind them of their 50th wedding anniversary on Sat.

On Sun., we, with Sam Yoders and Mrs. Sarah Hershberger, attended services at Oak Grove, Aroda. In the afternoon we were invited to attend Edgar Helmuths' 50th wedding anniversary. All of their 16 children were present.

Floyd Benders from Cumberland, Md. and Melvin Bontragers from Ind. were visitors at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. morn. Also Markus Beilers and 5 children, Julia, Rachel and Timmy Beiler, all from Pantego, N.C., who were on their way to attend a wedding at Harrisonburg. Floyd led in devotions and Melvin presented the message.

Visitors at Mt. Zion were Ernest and Lovina Yoder from Rustburg and Samuel Showalters (Esther's parents) and dau. Alta from Mt. Crawford.

John Summy

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Dec. 31--This was a rainy day and took away a lot of snow. We had 12 mornings of zero and below in Dec. and 15½" snow.

Ken and Mildred Ranck of Marion, Pa. and 2 daughters Kristina and Rachel spent holidays at his home at Powhatan and her home at Bridgewater with her parents, Henry Horsts. I appreciated their visit here also. Reba Cyzick helps some with work, still on crutches.

Allen Showalters' 9-year-old son spent awhile in R.M. Hospital over Christmas. Randy had a severe case of pneumonia. Is recovering at home.

To Tommy and Martha Koogler, a daughter on Dec. 23, their first child. She has breathing problems and is at Charlottesville Hospital. Little Annie Marie is improving.

Nelson Shank Sr., who suffered a stroke which left his right side paralyzed was taken from R.M. Hospital to Rehab at Waynesboro for awhile. He was moved home last week, not much improved.

James Knicely is improving slowly. His brother Lowell and wife Mildred spent most of last week with James so Martha could be home and attend her family's gathering at her home, and wanted to attend church today. She hasn't been to church since his accident.

Our family in Va. spent Christmas Day in the Adin and Verna Rodes home.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

Dec. 24--It was snowing in Norfolk. this morn. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida are having cold and snow.

Bert Horstings left for Fla. Fri. eve. to spend Christmas with Betty's family.

Glen Kauffman's special friend also came from Belleville, Pa. (Vonita King) to spend Christmas in Ga. Glen and Marcus went to spend some time with their family, taking Vonita along, of course.

Lois Kauffman went with Jim's brother Ken & family from Catlett, Va. to Ga. for Christmas. From there she will go to South Carolina to spend two weeks with her grandparents, Andy and Lizzie Hershberger.

Dec. 26--Sun. morn. it was snowing and blowing. Church services were called off at our church, so we went over to Providence and worshipped with them.

Dec. 28--Viola Overholt is taking care of an elderly lady at Va. Beach until Anna Miller comes home in the spring.

Elva Beiler's family was home for Christmas and Elva took sick and so did Paul and Silla, and some of the children. Martin Millers were also here with his family and Elva took sick.

Jake Hershbergers went to S.C. and some of their children took sick while there. Jake came home but Sara and the children are still there.

The wild geese are having a feast in the wheat fields at the present time. Probably a couple hundred were out here last evening.

Sarah Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 1--Jan. brings with it 40° temp. with most of the snow gone after a good rain.

The Edgar Helmuths have been married 50 yrs. now, so their children and many of the grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were here. Their family numbers 15 children, 54 grandchildren and two great-grands. Their gathering was at the Oak Grove Church basement on Sat., Dec. 30, then all attended church on Sunday with L.J. Helmuth, a son-in-law, preaching for us.

Sam Nislys of Ga. who were here over Sun. the 23rd, visited in Pa. and Ohio before returning to their home.

J. Elmer Yoder is still not well, with a lack of appetite and heart problems.

Sarah Keim is improving. She went visiting today (New Year's Day) for the first time in four months or more. She will need a checkup at the hospital soon.

John Summys, Sam Yoders and Sarah Hershberger visited here yesterday, taking in the Helmuth gathering too. Also Tillie Nissley visited her children here and some of the Eashes from Martinsburg, Ohio were in church and visited at Mt. View Nursing Home.

Steven Schrock has taken over the care of the laying flock at his father Enos' farm and Enos is doing carpenter work. They have about 17,000 layers.

From 1920 to 27 my brothers and I attended Pleasant Hall School in Holmes Co. near Saltillo. There were usually about 60 students, in age from 6 to 18 yrs., with Louise Kaiser teaching most of the time. I remember the names of nearly all of these.

Noah Keim

For J. Elmer Yoder

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

Jan. 2--We have had about 3-4 weeks of snow and cold, the temperature staying below freezing. The staff enjoyed a good bit of ice skating. Toward the end of last week it began to warm up some.

We all had a very enjoyable Christmas Day. Darlene Overholt, Johnny Stoltzfus and Lisa Friesen were privileged to have their families spend Christmas here with them.

Those who were home for Christmas were Hilda Zook, Brenda Apel, Vernon Hilty, Martha Yoder, Carmen Hochstetler, Susan Yoder and Rachel Webb. Rachel topped off her vacation with announcing her engagement to Philip Hochstetler.

The Eldon Hochstetler family left Christmas Day for her home in Hartville, Ohio and returned on New Year's Day.

We have said goodbye to Oneta Overholt and Sharon Yoder. Sharon went to Pa. with Ernie Stoltzfus for a few weeks before returning home. Oneta has taken a school teaching position that opened mid-term at the local school here.

We welcomed 4 new workers this week! Naomi Schlabach and Becky Miller are both from Florida and work as nurse aides. Regina Miller from Ohio is working in the kitchen. Rosetta Helmuth, LPN from Whiteville, Tennessee is relieving our nurse shortage here. Recently Missy Pritchett, LPN from near Charlottesville also joined us; she had worked here a few years ago.

Larry Miller is home in Michigan for a week of vacation.

LaVerne and Sara Kay Esh and Ernie Esh, all former workers, were visiting over the weekend, having brought Sara's sister Regina to work here. Also in the group were Regina's brother Nathan Miller, Allen Byler, David Miller, Zina Esh and Audrey Shenk.

Vicki Miller's family, the Johnny Millers from Minerva, Ohio, and some cousins were here last week to visit.

Marti Raber, Naomi Schlabach and Vera Gingerich are going to Ohio this weekend, Vera to her home in Plain City and Marti and Naomi to a wedding in Hartville.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Pete Miller and family from Hartville, Ohio. Pete will be our maintenance man, and there is much work waiting for him to get into.

Presently we are getting all our residents' rooms repainted.

Linda Nissley

CUMBERLAND, VA

Jan. 8--Herman and Sharon Yoder and Johnny and Miriam Miller families went to Oh. to the wedding of Joy Shetler. Miriam Miller is a sis. to Joy.

Phil Slabach went with some folks to Ala. to a prison ministry.

Visitors in church today were Paul Miller from this area and Janet Martin from Rustburg, Va.

Wedding bells will be ringing on March 10th for Paul Miller and Janet Martin.

Maggie Schrock was laid up since Thurs. evening, due to a pinched nerve. She was not able to get around. Since she went to the doctor on Fri. she can sit up. She did not teach school today, but hopes to be able to teach again tomorrow.

Eli is back to work since Aug. He was laid off in Richmond in Aug. but he will have steady work again.

Joe Hertzlers are back from their trip. They had gone to Ind. to Norma's family for Christmas. On the way home they stopped off at Myron Wengerd's and Wayne Weavers' in Oh.

Mary Jane Yoder

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

Jan. 4--Our winter weather has lost its grip for now. We have had some rain and washed about all the snow and ice away.

Dewayne Masts have moved to the Morgan Scott farm below Gladys by the Seneca River. Dewayne is working with a logging crew near Brookneal. Glen Steiners from Pantego, a grandson of Willis Glicks', is living and working on the farm for Willis. A younger grandson, Richard Steiner, is living with Willises and helping them. Also sis. Wanda is there part-time.

Wanda Steiner and her special friend Wesley Hershberger, now living and working in Pantego, N.C., spent some in Wisc. with Wesley's parents.

Titus and Clara Glick are the happy parents of their 4th dau., 6th child, Rhonda Faye, born Dec. 29. Her siblings are all in school except Salinda, who was working at Clyde Bender's nursing home at Bealton, but is at home now and helping with the work.

Sonny and Ruth Yoder and 2 sons came back Thurs. night from a 2-wk. trip where they visited at Ruth's parents', Noah Bontragers' in Ind. and on to Bearskin Lake in Ont. and Wisc. at Merle Yoders'.

Visitors in the community with their families over Christmas were Elmer Stoltzfuses, Irene Sommers and Junior Sommers from Pa., Floyd Sommers and Johnnie Nissleys from Aroda, Richard Sauders and Joseph Neighbors from Meigs, Ga.

The Ulrich family, which included Dave Gingerichs and James Zehrs from here, spent several days together in W. Va. over New Year's. Their parents, Ray Ulrich Sr., also were able to attend. Daves are almost finished adding an addition to their house for them to come and live with them.

Sam Troyers are back in the community after living in Nashville, Tenn. He is again employed as an airplane mechanic in Lynchburg under a new airline.

We were at Stuarts Draft with my sisters and stepmother last Sat. night and Sun. Albert Masts from Leon, Ia. also spent a week or more with her parents, John Stoltzfuses.

Albert's bro. Harry in Harrisonburg invited Alberts to go with them to the Univ. Hosp. in Charlottesville where Harrys had an appointment for their dau. who was having some muscular or nerve problems in her hands. The doctors took a real interest in Albert's case. They took tests which showed he did not have polio, but some kind of inherited syndrome. They prescribed medication and the family noticed a remarkable improvement within a day's time.

Ernest & Lovina Yoder

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Jan. 8--We are enjoying the weather since it has lost its cold edge. The cover of snow, which is now gone, had protected the ground from freezing, so now we see farmers out plowing.

After an enjoyable month staying with us, nephew Daniel and Barbara Schrock and 3 children, John, Beverly and Amy, boarded the Amtrak at Staunton Sun. afternoon for their return trip home at Halsey, Or.

James (Tito) Mejias have now erected a mailbox, so they will receive mail at Route 1, Box 158, Stuarts Draft, Va. 24477.

On Fri. eve. we were reminded of our 42nd wedding anniversary and John and Barbara Beiler of their 49th, when we were invited to Jesse Hershbergers' for supper along with Daniel Schrock, James Mejias and Luis Swartzentrubers. Our thoughts were with bro. Noah and Amanda Schrock of Costa Rica whose 36th anniversary was on Sun.

On Sun. Elmer Schrock from Pilgrim Fellowship presented the message at Mt. Zion.

Martha Miller from Gap Mills, W. Va. was visiting friends and relatives here over the weekend.

Rufus and Fern Beachy left Sat. morn. heading for Florida, expecting to be at Montezuma, Ga. over Sun. Fern wants to see a doctor to see if she can get any relief for her foot. Mary Schrock and her sisters will be taking care of the store in her absence.

Menno Kinsingers returned Sat. from their almost two-week stay in Paris, Tn., bringing along Sadie's mother, Mrs. Elmina Yoder.

Visitors at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. were Edward Yoders, scribe from Blountstown, Fl. Edward is a bro. to Tobe Yoder and Edward's wife is a dau. of Perry Burkholders of Waynesboro.

On Sat. Daniel and LaVern, sons of Ben Hershbergers, went to see their aunt Esther Yoder, who is teaching at Annandale, Va. and went sightseeing in Washington, D.C.

Bennie Bylers are leaving this morn. for Paraguay. Anna Mary will be returning in a week or so, while Bennie will be spending some time in A.M.A. work.

John Summy

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Jan. 4--Here at Mt. Pleasant we had a beautiful, but cold White Christmas which is unusual for here.

All of our family except Marvin's of Ohio spent Christmas with the Philip Miller family and friends. Most of Marvin's came for that next weekend to be present at the wedding of Tracey (Edwards) and Doug Garnard (George and Velma, Fla.) also brought Kim's friend Wayne Strudhoff. Marvin and Michael did not come along this time. Ohio had very cold weather and they have 30 some beef cattle to care for.

The Jacob Lehman families, including Robert and Esther Mast and families, had their Christmas dinner the 24th at the social hall with 62 attending. The 25th, Jacob and Rosa L., Don and Martha Yoder, Del., were with their sister, Edna Kramer at the home of Jonas Hershberger, Farmville, Va. where she is taking care of him since his illness and his wife Mary passed away.

Barbara Slabaugh was able to be moved back to her "Home Sweet Home," again. With her walker she is able to care for herself.

Steve and Ruby (Kurtz) Blankenship have been living in Great Bridge since they were married, but she still comes and prepares a hot meal for her father, Crist, everyday, and has been working at Virginia Beach hospital (nurse) for years. They expect to move in with him soon, as she gets the home.

Margaret Miller has been spending a few days in Pantego, N.C. with her son Marion and family. Her dau. Carolyn will bring her home, then son Kenneth and Elsie will take her to Baltimore, Md. where she will get a direct flight to Arizona to spend at least 2 months with her 3 sons and families.

Robert Mast had been experiencing some sore throat and later intestinal flu, but he is feeling better. Sun. evening Phil Miller will lead the service and Robert will be installed as district overseer. Sam Weaver will share a message. In the Sunday morning service Addona Nissley will be installed as pastor. He and his wife Mary, Harrisonburg, Va., are living here in one of Dwight Miller's apartments for the time being.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

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FREE UNION, VA

John Martin House

Jan. 8--We had a good time at the
Dad 30 Year & Family reunion and party.
Lair & Judy Sweetman, Mary
Schrock and Bob Chappin, the church
schools.

Wanda (Katie's sister) with her
family, Ohio, stayed here for a week
around in Florida.

Donna Martin, Pickens, SC, with
with Janet Goff and her family are
moving here for a short time.

We are going back
schools are going to be
of "reconstruction" and
children and will be
the year.

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 8--The year 1990 has come in on
a more uncertain note than any I can
remember since 1939, not because wars
are threatening but because so many
rulers have been replaced in so short a
time and no one knows what this year
will bring.

Our snow is melted and it is warmer
now.

Luther Kipps, 93, died last week, also
another neighbor, Virginia Davis.

J. Elmer Yoder is still not improving
as we would like to see, but he has some
good days.

Many people in the community have
a mild form of flu. Sarah Keim is still
improving and will have a checkup the
9th.

Ray and Marrietta Shank have a new
dau. named Katie Lorraine. Grands are
Ruth Shank and Enos Schrock.

Work on remodeling part of Mt. View
Nursing Home is to start soon. Our new
maintenance man is Pete Miller of Hart-
ville, Ohio. He and his family moved
here last week. They will fill a real need
here.

David Martin has established an auto
repair shop at his home and stays busy.
His recent work has been replacing
engines. The five dairy farmers of our
congregation are doing well since the
price of milk is up.

We expect Samuel Hochstetlers back
from Belize this week. Also Donnie
Overholts from Florida.

The election of a black governor is
quite an event for Va., but we believe Mr.
Wilder will do very well. Va. has had
very good state government in the 35
years we have lived here. There is no
problem about the church schools.

Noah Keim

FREE UNION, VA**Faith Mission Home**

Jan. 8--We had Costa Rica visitors on Dec. 30: Tito & Susan Majia and family, Luis & Judy Swartzentruber, Naomi Schrock and from Oregon, the Daniel Schrocks.

Wilma (Karen's sister) and Sue Miller, Ohio, stopped here for a visit enroute to Florida.

Dorothy Marner, Pickens, S.C., came with Janice Gatlin (whose twin daus. are residents here) for a short visit.

We are going back on a regular schedule this week, following two weeks of "off-schedule", with a number of children and staff gone during part of that time.

Linda Rose Miller

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Jan. 7--Our temp. has been in the 40s and is supposed to go up to 50° today.

Last night Rachel Beiler and Linda Zook were here for a visit. They had been to their respective homes for the holidays.

Sun. eve. the young people came here for their singing. We had a full house.

Abner Overholt got sick while vacationing in Fla. and they had to do a by-pass on his heart. His son Victor is in Fla. with him but have not heard any news lately.

Mrs. John H. Miller

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Jan. 15--Lucas Dwyer is taking a break, coming to Mountain Side School.

Julia and Bruce Hurlburt took Henry and Robert Green and Oliver and Mary Green. Mother is making the 2 week vacation.

Leon Wright of Ky. visited his parents, David and Maude Wright, and church at church.

Wanda Corbett spent the last week of Dec. with E. M. Wright with Lillian and in the Mount. She is at home and improving again.

There are no young James. Evelyn Howard of Jan. 15. He was scheduled to come with his wife.

My sister, Anna, 74, was here. She and George and their son, William, arrived last night. Julia and Victor Parks and son David also vacationed. Clifford Parks, brother, was working on his car in town and got the door in some machine. He took the car out, but was a little machine.

The new baby, Anna Marie, daughter of Timothy and Maria Knight, is in hospital and doing fine after spending a week at Charlottesville Hospital and in visiting weeks. The grandparents are Frances and Fred Perkins and Charles and Margaret Knight.

Charles Jr. and Alice Knight are parents of a daughter, Kate Rose, on Jan. 8. Grandparents are Charles and Margaret Knight and Fred and Alice Knight.

Tim Parks and Ann Good, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, on Jan. 15. Grandparents are Linda and Leigh Good and Mrs. Arthur Carpin. Mrs. Helen Good is going to visit with Mrs. Ward and Joe Newman.

Mrs. Ruth Hurlburt (Hurlburt) has been having a hard time with Douglas.

Roy Hurlburt is much improved and can walk some with his son. Nelson Hurlburt is improved enough now to feed himself and share.

Becky Schneider is recovering at home after being in E. M. Hospital over Christmas with a severe attack pneumonia. They got wonderful thing at home and some more time at Charlottesville. He is the wife and son of Allen and E. M. Schneider.

Foreman Sperry spent a while in E. M. Hospital. She is much improved but not at home yet. Mrs. Paul T. Martin

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

Jan. 16--James Miller and Anna Dietz took a weekend trip to his home in Ohio.

Johnny Stoltzfus, Laban Kauffman and Sam Diener (a former worker) are on a trip to Arizona for a week. James Troyer of Farmville, Va. is doing our janitor work while they are gone.

Viola Yoder was off a number of days due to the illness and death of her father, J. Elmer Yoder. J. Elmer was a board member of Mountain View in 1964 and 1965. He died Jan. 12 at age 81. The funeral was held at 2:00 on Sunday, Jan. 14 at Oak Grove Church.

The funeral brought some visitors to the nursing home too: Elva Marie Yoder from Ky., visiting Elva Jean Overholt; Julia Miller's parents, the Alvin Kramers; Carmen Hostetler's sister Marlene; Betty and Emma Jean Bontrager of Kokomo, Indiana; and Lula Miller, presently in mission work in New York City.

Doris Hill of Aroda had emergency surgery about a week before Christmas and is recovering well.

Linda Nissley

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Jan. 15--Luann Derstine is taking a 6-week course at Maranatha Bible School.

John and Irene Heatwole took Howard and Esther Good and Eber and Mary Grace Rhodes to Florida for 2 weeks vacation.

Lois Wenger of Ky. visited her parents, Mark and Eunice Wenger, and attended church.

Reba Cyzick spent the last week of Dec. back in R. M. Hospital with infection in her injured hip. She is at home and improving again.

Plans are to bring James Knically home on Jan. 23. He has a wheelchair he runs with his head.

My supper guests Fri. eve. were son Glenn and Diane and children Michael and Julie, Adin and Verna Rodes and son Brent, also grandson Clifford Rohrer. He was working on his job in Iowa and got his thumb in some machine that took the nail off. He has a week's vacation.

The new baby, Annie Marie, daughter of Tommy and Martha Koogler, is at home and doing fine after spending a week at Charlottesville Hospital due to breathing trouble. The grandparents are Vernon and Betty Burkholder and Charles and Margaret Koogler.

Charles Jr. and Ellen Koogler are parents of a daughter, Katie Rose, on Jan. 8. Grandparents are Charles and Margaret Koogler and Fred and Anna Rohrer.

To Frank and Ann Good, a 2nd child, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, on Jan. 10. Grandparents are Lewis and Edith Good and Mrs. JoAnn Carper. Mrs. Stella Good is great-grandmother, also Warren and Iva Showalter.

Mrs. Ruth Burkholder (Harmony) has been having a bout with shingles.

Roy Burkholder is much improved and can walk some now on his foot. Nelson Shank is improved enough now to feed himself and shave.

Randy Showalter is recovering at home after being in R.M. Hospital over Christmas with a severe case of pneumonia. Then got worse after being at home and spent some time at Charlottesville. He is the 9-year-old son of Allen and Eva Showalter.

Frances Beery spent awhile in R. M. Hospital. She is much improved, but not at home yet. Mrs. Paul T. Martin

MT. CRAWFORD, VA.**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

Jan. 19--There has been lots of sickness amongst our church people. David Fishers have had a real round of it the last two months. What was first diagnosed as a possible blood clot for Elsie Mellinger they think might now have been a pinched nerve. Duane Witmer had a case of asthmatic bronchitis last Sunday night and needed some medicine to help clear it up.

Dan Leis from Canada were visiting several days in their daughter's home (David Fishers) on their way to Florida for several months.

Keith Lehman from Pa. were visitors in church last Sunday, also Dan Leises. Keiths were guests of David Jay Fishers.

John and Edna Beachy and David and Esther were gone to Crockett, Ky. over last weekend. Chester Mellinger made a visit down to his son Ronald's.

Rachel Doutrich was down to Amelia to help her sister Sue get ready for her wedding, while her husband Nelson was here doing concrete scabbing for two days for our employer W.D. Knicely.

The last week temperatures have been 40-70's.

Tomorrow is the wedding of Dan and Sue Hooley at Amelia. Those going from this area are Ivan and Rosella Shank, Orville Witmers, Daniel Fishers, David Jay Fishers, Jason Swartzentruber and possibly others. Tim Reinford from Pa. will be taking our schoolteacher Lois Mast down for the wedding.

We plan to go to Amelia tomorrow afternoon to be with Amos' brother Lewises and mother Anna Strite, who will be there for the wedding. Lewis would like Amos' help to lay carpet in the trailer for Dan and Sue. We plan to return Sunday afternoon.

Amos and Carrie Strite

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

Jan. 16--Fri. evening we had a farewell for Mark Meign, who returned to Belize on Saturday.

We welcome James Schlabach (Naomi's bro.) to the staff.

Former staff Ed & Bonnie (Carr) Byler, Mo., announce the birth of a dau., Elizabeth Rose, on Jan. 5.

We have purchased another trailer for Mary Buchanan. Her old one has been moved out and we hope to get the other one moved in this week.

For those who know Rosa Ellis and Christine Hunt (former residents), they are pictured on page 151 of Sandy Tucker's book "Faith, Hope, and Room for One More" in a group with then vice-president George Bush.

Debbie Hartman's cardiologist has informed us that her heart is nearly worn-out.

Christ Beiler and Martha Zook went home to Pa. for the wedding of Christ's brother Jesse and Martha's sister Fannie. Before returning Martha plans to go to Calvary Bible School for 6 weeks.

Abe Swartz of Mich. stopped in here for a brief visit.

A number from here went to Aroda for the viewing and the funeral of J. Elmer Yoder. His dau. Marie and family, the David Yoders are here, and also Dorcas Yoder and Nathan Overholt, grandchildren. Ky. visitors here who had been at the funeral were Regina's parents, Alvin Kramers, and her Aunt Rose Beachy and also the Robert Overholts.

Linda Rose Miller

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 15--The prevailing mild temperature of Jan. is in strong contrast to most of Dec. 89. The snow is gone but there are more windy days than usual.

The Lord has called brother J. Elmer Yoder to his eternal rest. He apparently died in his sleep in the early morning of Fri., Jan. 12th. He had been unable to keep food down recently and the complications of diabetes, fluid retentions and heart trouble all contributed to hastening his end. He had not been bedfast and he was still able to visit some the day before death came.

A large assemblage of friends and relatives gathered for the funeral at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Sunday, the 14th, with the brethren Gary Zook, grandson of J. Elmers, Samuel Hochstetler and Wayne Schrock ministering. Burial was in church cemetery.

My wife Sarah is still improving in health and hints about returning to her quilting soon. We praise God for many answered prayers.

There is much flu among the people here and some doctors are kept very busy.

Savilla Keim had an appointment with an eye specialist, who advised not having a cataract operation because of an eye disease.

Floyd and Edna Beiler were with us

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Jan. 18--A beautiful day, 73°. The robins have returned, dandelions blooming, etc.

Coming from Greenwood, Dela. last weekend and staying with Kenneth and Elsie Miller was Esther Kramer and Lois Welly, and with Jacob and Rosa L. was Shirley Miller and Ruth Ann Swartzen-truber (both schoolteachers) and Virginia and Jancie Hurst, Pa. Much of their conversation was reminiscing about their time spent together while in Dryden, Ont.

Jacob Lehman Sr. is having his teeth pulled. The last to go were two wisdom teeth that were lying crossways across the gum and had to be removed surgically, and he has suffered much pain.

Jacob Lehman III who now lives in Ariz. has left his parents know he has mononucleosis.

Paul and Joan Lehman, Gallipolis, Oh. sold their farm and are moving close to Farmville, Va. Joan will be working in the hosp., Feb. 1.

Eric Lehman is going to school at Blacksburg, Va. One night someone broke his pickup window and helped himself to whatever they could find.

Reid and Kathryn Broadwater spent sometime every week at their new home close to Farmville, Va. and close to their dau. Julia and Steve Hochstetler family, with plans to move there sometime this year.

Harold Kephart, Irvona, Pa. visited family, neighbors and friends last week.

Last Wed. Menno and Anna Yoder went to Aroda, Va. to visit his sick bro., J. Elmer Yoder (Budget scribe) and families. His sis. Elmina, Tenn. also (Budget scribe) and her dau. Sadie (Kinsinger's Bakery) had also come Thurs., and set up a hosp. bed for him. They and Mennos returned to Stuarts Draft, Va. for the night.

Next morning, the 12th. they received word he passed away. Mennos came home Fri. evening. Morris was visiting his bro. Clifford and family in Meigs, Ga. and they and son Darryl arrived at Mennos' Sat. evening. They and the rest of Menno's family left early Sun. morning for the funeral.

Fred and I took Florence (Miller) Yoder along. In their younger days J. Elmer and Fred had worked for Crist

and Susie Swartzenrubers. J. Elmer is the first to pass on of 6 boys and 4 girls that were baptized, by Eli Bontrager, Ind. in Oct. 1928 as follows: Eli Swartzen-truber, Pa., Solly Yoder, Ga., Jonas Beiler, Md., John Beiler, Stuarts Draft, Va., Vally and Silvia (Bontrager) Miller, Va., Rosa (Troyer) Lehman, Elmina Yoder, (Budget scribe) Tenn. and Mary Beiler, Va.

Phil and Verna Mae Miller are spending a few weeks in Fla.

Sara Grace Miller is home again after spending a few days in the hosp. with breathing problems and very weak.

Lenora Wenger is experiencing dizziness and very weak since Sun. night. Nancy Deal had taken Lenora Sun. morning to her jail ministry with the women.

Margaret Miller is doing well (on medication) in Ariz. till March. Her address c/o Richard L. Miller, 1710 E. Libby St., Phoenix, Az. 85022.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

Jan. 14--Everyone was back from their trips and Amanda Troyer was able to attend church. Visitors were the Dan Miller family from Stuarts Draft. Michael Troyer spent the day in Catlett.

This past week the work on Elvin Yoder's new house has progressed nicely. Thursday six brethren from Amelia were over to put the floor joists and the subfloor down. On Friday 19 of the brethren from Swanton, Md. and Ray Yoder from Mission Home got the house in the dry. Mark Yoders from Catlett were down yesterday and Mark helped with the inside walls.

Noah Weavers, Joe Troyers, John Dan Millers and Lloyd Troyers attended the funeral of J. Elmer Yoder in Aroda today.

Noah Schwartzes were on a trip through Ohio and Pa. just lately. Also Uria Shetters were gone to Ohio to attend the wedding of their daughter Joy to Ken Mast. Paul & Marie Schwartz

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 11--Weather has reached the 50°. Also had plenty of rain.

Mrs. Larry Miller extended her stay in Or. another week, arriving home the 4th.

There was a reception at school Thurs. evening for Jerry and Ruth Ann (Rohrer) Weaver. Allen Goods and Gladys Huber of Harrisonburg came for it. Gladys stayed for the weekend, visiting at Walter Weavers'. They took her back to Harrisonburg Mon.

Paul Goods of Carbon Hill, Oh. were weekend guests of Noah Weavers. They had Sun. dinner at Sam Weavers' and supper at Raymond Bears'.

Simon Slabaugh and Jonathan Good from the Harrisonburg area came Fri. to Sun. evening. Sat. they were deer hunting, it being the last day of the season. Danny Martin got one Fri. and Robert Shank on Sat. David and Sam Weaver each got one last week, too.

Vernon Masts, Delvin and Nancy, were to Rutherfordton, N.C. for the weekend.

Jan. 17--Jerry Weavers went to Dover, Pa. on Wed., coming back Thurs. They were with the Rohrer family Wed. evening and brought Ruth Ann's belongings and their wedding gifts back.

Beulah Shank of Hubbard, Or., who was being cared for at Dennis Nussbaums' (a niece) at Myerstown, Pa., passed away last Wed. (10th). Services were held at the Richland (Pa.) church on Sat. p.m. Lyle Shanks and Kenneth Hooleys attended, she being a sis. to Lyle and Kenneth's aunt. The body was shipped to Or. for a funeral and burial yest.

Bonnie Hershberger of Abbeville, S.C., who is teaching school at South Boston, Va., spent the weekend with her cousin Janel (Joseph Weavers).

At Steve Masts' for the weekend were Phyllis' sis., Lynda Hoover of Myers-town, Pa. and Pat Snyder and Naomi Martin of Lanc. Co.

Daniel Weavers left Fri. evening for Apple Creek, Oh. for a visit at Marveta's home (Marvin Amstutz), with plans to come home yest.

David Yoder of Dublin, Ga., who had been at Darryl Masts' for a couple weeks, moved in at Timothy Masts' this week. He was leaving for Ga. early this a.m. to tend to some business.

Fred Masts of Rutherfordton, N.C. arrived yest., planning to stay over the weekend.

Word was received here of the birth of 6 lb. Lola Ann on Jan. 8 in Mex. This is the first child for Rodney and Arvilla Mast. Grandparents are Roy Masts of Mex. and Earl Wenger Srs. of Grandin, Mo.

Brenda Mast substituted in the school-room for Lisa Mast the past 2 days. There seems to be a lot of severe sore throat around, some have fever and some children had rashes.

Mrs. James E. Mast

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

Jan. 22--More visitors who had been at J. Elmer Yoder's funeral in Aroda were Mervin Overholts (Nathan's parents), Ky.; Treva Zook, Del.; Ray Yoder and dau., Col.; and Amanda Yoder, Aroda.

In Dec. Michael Norman left to be admitted to a facility closer to home, Zuni.

Tues., 18-year-old Gary Clemons, Tn., joined the B-Boys.

We have partitioned what used to be the C-classroom. Now C-school and speech classes are in that area.

David Raber, Benny Mast and Kenneth Kuhns traveled with Elmer Schrock, Stuarts Draft, to Ill. for Alma Kuhns' funeral. Wilma Hershberger came back with them to help out at the Kuhnses'. They have welcomed Titus Omer into their family, born Jan. 21.

Pa. visitors included Larry Nissley, Myma's sisters Lena and Trina Lapp, Marilyn and Rachel Lapp, Curtis Stoltzfus, Mabel's sisters, Ella and Sarah Kurtz, Nelson Ray Zimmerman, Alvin Martin, Delores' bro. Jr. Peachey, Olive Yoder, Martha Zook and Joe Sharp. Ohio visitors were Jason Miller and Arlin Lapp.

Carl Miller went home to Ohio for a visit, and Nathan and Doris Yoder traveled to Pa. for a retreat last weekend.

Linda Rose Miller

CATLETT, VIRGINIA

Jan. 18--Andy Bylers had all their family home for Christmas, Allen Bylers and son of Ind. and her parents were here. Leslie, who is working in S. Carolina at the Fair Play Wilderness Boy's Camp was home for Christmas and stayed for about a week.

Nelson Mast (Elmers) who live here in our basement had gone home for awhile since it was too cold to put shingles on. He is working with Daniel Mast.

David Bontrager, who also lives in our basement, left for home in Fla. just before Christmas for the holiday and for his brother's wedding, then while there they had a Bontrager reunion.

Jan. 10--It was good to travel with 3 of my brothers, 1 nephew and Bishop Simon Schrock from our church to Pa. to visit my Dad who was still in the hospital after his operation. He had some tumors which were cancerous.

Jan. 17--Dad has returned home from the hospital and my sister Barbara and David Yoders of S. Carolina came up to help care for him since it's too much for Lydia by herself.

My sisters and brothers came in from Ind. last week to visit Dad. Sister Mary flew in earlier and stayed till last weekend.

Mary and bro. Vernons stopped here last Thurs. and stayed for supper.

Levi Masts of Fla. have been here visiting their children Daniel and David Mast.

Yesterday my bro. Joe and his wife, my bro. Bill, my wife, a niece and dau. and the writer went to Pa. to visit Dad.

Clyde and Saloma Bender left for Haiti yesterday (Tue.) and will be staying till the 28th of Jan.

Alvin W. Miller

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

Jan. 26--January has brought us some spring-like days. After a rainy spell this week it's somewhat colder, and in the distance snow is seen on the mountains.

Sonny and Ruth Yoder are making real progress in getting their double-wide trailer ready to live in. The family is also getting another trailer set up against Sonny's old one to make more room for their parents, Robert and Esther to move into. Plans are for Milo Zehrs to move in Merle Yoders' house where Roberts are living now. Merles will move into Milo's house on the farm when they move back from Wisc. in March. Milo is teaching at Sharon Bible Institute this semester, coming home weekends.

Leon Yoder came home Tues. night from a week's stay in Guatemala. He's on the M.A.M. board. He had part in the dedication services of the new church at San Sur. Daryl Gehman's family is living in the house that was church and house before. Leon brought reports of a severe measles epidemic in the Novillero area. They call them the "Black" measles and about 40 children have died after getting pneumonia. That's where Vernon Martins are stationed now. Their son Benji had them, too, but recovered satisfactorily.

Sonny Yoders are blessed by having Ruth's parents, Noah Bontragers from Ind. here, intending to stay 2 weeks and hopefully, help Sonny's get settled into their new living quarters.

Dwayne and Joyce Yoder are the happy parents of their 3rd child and second son, born the 22nd. Weight was 8 lbs. 2 ozs. His name is Jared Paul. Grandparents are Roberts and Paul Martins.

Esther Schrock plans to be leaving for Haiti next Mon. She wants to attend a wedding of one of her friends and stay till her sis. Jimmy Martins come home on furlough in early Feb.

The community was saddened to hear that Jimmy Hicks, for years working in our county's school systems, lost his wife in an accident, when her car apparently skidded off the road and down a deep ravine, killing her. Her husband called police when she didn't return from church. The car was spotted by helicopter around noon on Mon. He told relatives he couldn't sleep and stayed up all night and painted the garage. A few days later everybody was shocked when the news came out that he had hired someone to kill her. The killer confessed everything. Police were suspicious after an autopsy revealed that she had been hit on the head several times by a blunt object. They tapped his phone and heard a conversation between him and the killer, which after investigation brought out the whole truth. She was killed in the garage, hence the need for the painting. They are both in jail at Rustburg. Some of the family has custody of their 3 young boys ages 7 to 12.

Ernest & Lovina Yoder

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 24--We've had temp. as high as the 70s, and no heat needed in the house. Rain was forecast last weekend, but none materialized, which was nice, as Sat. was the wedding of Daniel Hooley (Kenneth and Jean) and Susanna Martin (Silas and Martha), which brought lots of weekend visitors. Their attendants were Daniel and Keren Martin (bro. and sis. of Sue). Arnold Hooley (bro.) led songs, Nelson Hooley (bro.) had devotions, Lewis Strite of N.Y. the sermon, and Harvey Mast (grandfather of Daniel) the marriage ceremony. Daniel had lived with the Strite family while teaching school.

Uncles and aunts of Sue attending were Menno and Mary Martin of Md., Anna and Norman Eby of Md., James and Ethel Martin of Md., Rebecca and Edgar Lehman of Pa., Pauline and Amos Rudolph of Pa., and Elizabeth and Samuel Martin of Md. Cousins were Eldon and Betty Eby and family of Pa. and from Md. were Lorraine and Carlton Martin, Linda and James Horst, Martha and Marlin Hege, and Anna Mae Horst and family. Daniel has 18 uncles and aunts living here. Uncles and aunts from Pa. were Eileen and Dennis Nussbaum and family, Ruth and James Stover and family, and Ella Hooley. Two bros., Arnold Hooleys from Rutherfordton, N.C. and Dwight Hooleys from Wellsboro, Pa. attended, also cousin Lloyd Masts from N.C. There were 325-350 served at the reception. Daniel and Sue headed for Fla., planning to go as far as Key West.

We had 2 sermons Sun. a.m., by Fred Mast of N.C. and Lewis Strite of N.Y., followed by a fellowship dinner.

Mrs. LeRoy Lehman (Cynthia) and 4 youngest children went to Harrisonburg, Sun. a.m., with her sis. Lisa and John Deemer of Bucks Co., Pa., being at Pleasant Valley for preaching services. Cynthia, John and Lisa had dinner with their sis. Rita (Kenneth Lehman), along with David J. Fishers (their sis. Laura). Mrs. Joseph Lehman and Alice Lehman brought Cynthia back on Mon.

David and Judy Weaver flew from Richmond to El Paso yest., planning to go to Mex. to visit her relatives there.

Grace and Cheryl Mast (Roys) of Mex. flew in last night. Roys planned to take them to El Paso and pick up Davids. The girls plan to be in the U.S. for 6 weeks and attend 3rd term of Bible school at Carbon Hill, Oh.

Mrs. James E. Mast

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA

Gap Mills Christian Fellowship

Jan. 22--We must have had our winter in Dec.; we have been having some mild 50 and 60° weather recently.

Some belated news: Martha Miller spent the first weekend of this month with friends and relatives at Stuarts Draft, Va.

My parents, sister Karen, Becky Yoder and I were to the funeral of my great-uncle J. Elmer Yoder from Aroda, Va. Sun. (Jan. 14).

Joni Shetler and my father were to Mt. Perry, Ohio for the weekend for communion and baptismal services. They left Fri. morning and came back shortly before noon today.

William Beilers, Becky Yoder, Laurie Jones and Rachel Yoder were to the school meeting at Deer Lodge, Tn. last week. My sister, Karen, and Judy Lapp substituted for Laurie and Becky in the schoolroom on Fri. Kevin Yoder

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Jan. 17--The thermometer hit 67° at 11:00 a.m. today! Hopefully our winter is almost past.

The funeral of J. Elmer Yoder was held on Sunday, Jan. 14, in Aroda, Va. Raymond Kauffman drove his van and a number of us went with him. The funeral was well attended with approximately 450-500 people there. Quite a number of people from this community went to the funeral as the Yoders lived in Virginia Beach before they moved to Aroda and were a part of our church.

It is almost time to plant spring peas. I am looking forward to getting our garden underway. Mrs. John H. Miller

Menno Simons Conference In Virginia

Eastern Mennonite College and Seminary in Harrisonburg, Va. will sponsor a "Conference on Menno Simons," March 23 and 24.

The program coincides with and will recognize the 450th anniversary of the publication of the Anabaptist church leader's most important book, *Dat Fundament Des Christelychken Leers* ("The Fundamentals").

Menno Simons, a former Catholic priest in the Netherlands who was one of the founders of the Mennonite Church during the 16th Century Protestant Reformation, is believed to have written the book sometime after 1536 and published it in 1539-40. This major work was addressed to the civil authorities, asking justice and mercy for the persecuted Anabaptists and arguing that they were not dangerous to the state.

The book also provided guidance and encouragement to the Anabaptists themselves as they suffered and were even martyred for their faith and speaks to such issues as baptism, grace, communion and penitence.

The conference will feature addresses on the writing, theology, life and legacy of Menno Simons and "his relevance for the contemporary believer's church," noted Albert N. Keim, professor of history at EMC and program coordinator.

Dr. Walter Klaassen, a retired professor of history and theology at the University of Waterloo (Ont.) and Conrad Grebel College, will give the keynote address. Several authorities on Menno Simons from the Netherlands and Belgium will also speak during the two-day gathering.

"The main focus (of the conference) is to discover what a founder of our Mennonite denomination has to say to us today," said Dr. Keim. "For this reason, we extend a special invitation for pastors and lay leaders to attend," he added.

Registration is \$30 a person, which includes a banquet. Meals will be available in the college dining hall, and lodging is available in local homes as well as area motels. Sessions will be held in Strite Auditorium of the EMC Campus Center.

A program folder with registration form is available by writing Keim at EMC or by calling (703) 432-4468.

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Jan. 21--We missed writing last week's Budget letter, having attended the funeral of Aroda's Budget scribe, J. Elmer Yoder. Quite a number of other Stuarts Drafters also attended. Before his death J. Elmer made mention of turning his letter writing over to Noah Keim, so we will be looking for them.

Steve Yoders had a sooty experience on a Sun. morning. They had but baler twine in the stove and poured on some fuel oil or kerosene. When they put a match to it, it puffed, knocking son Samuel over backwards and blowing the stovepipes all apart. Needless to say, they were a little late coming to church.

John Schrock, who is helping Jesse Hershberger on the farm, had an unpleasant encounter with a parked tractor in the dark. After chores he jumped on the bike to go home and the tractor didn't get out of his way.

A number of former Stuarts Drafters have been in the area the last while, some probably to pacify their homesickness. Simon Beachys from Belvidere, Tn. stopped overnight at Ben Peachey's after having attended the funeral of his uncle C.A. Yoder in Grantsville, Md. David Schrocks from Deer Lodge, Tn. are staying several days with family members, while their school is having a mid-term break. David said he had forgotten how windy it can get in Stuarts Draft. A week ago it took off one half of one of Eli Yoder's turkey house roofs, with young turkeys in it. A crew of men had very

unpleasant weather to replace it the next day when it was cold and windy with snow squalls.

On Thurs. we were invited to have dinner with Allen Beilers, where we met Elmer Beilers from Paris, Tn. and Eli Beilers from Liberty, Ky. Elmers had Yost Millers of Union Grove, N.C. along, who they had left near Harrisonburg to meet some old-time friends. After taking Yosts to their home they wanted to attend a school meeting at Deer Lodge, Tn. Eli Beilers are here to replace a furnace in their tenant house here. Amos Millers from Belvidere area also in the area.

Amos Zooks have returned from a 4-week stay in Paris, Tn. They got a cold reception there, when they stepped out to a chilly 14° below. They returned to 60° weather.

Daniel Schrock's report an enjoyable trip home by Amtrak to Halsey, Ore., in spite of a 4-hr. delay in Portland because of a landslide.

Rufus Beachy has contacted pneumonia since they are in Fla.

On Sa. a community wood cutting was held at Andy Yoders'.

Elmer Schrock accompanied some from Mission Home to attend the funeral of Mrs. Menno Kuhns of Arthur, Ill. on Fri. Her son Willard's funeral was only 2 weeks ago in Belleville.

Mon. morning--Just in time to get in this letter, is the arrival of Jeremy Devon to David and Miriam Miller. One sis. and 2 bros. welcome him. One set of grandparents happen to be in the area, Amos Millers. The other grands are Joe Zooks of Oakland, Md. John Summy

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

Jan. 25--It's raining this morning and the temperature is 53°.

Last Fri. evening was our yearly church business meeting. Our bishop Ralph Horst was down from Hagerstown and moderated. His daughter Lyndora and Elsie Rohrer accompanied him enroute to the wedding in Amelia of Dan and Sue Hooley.

During the business meeting a phone call came saying John Mark Fisher (Davids) had 105° fever. So immediately we had a prayer service and within an hour or so his temp. had moderated to 101°. That was John Mark's 19th birthday. What they thought was flu starting the day before with sore throat and aching turned out to be something quite different. Their assistant dr. said he had shingles with the rash that he had. His regular dr. said if it is shingles it is a very bad case. A skin specialist quickly diagnosed it as erysipelas.

In the meantime, several days had elapsed and he was a very sick boy with temperature up to 105½°. He was hardly eating anything because of his sore throat, but he was drinking liquids. Tuesday afternoon he was admitted to the hospital and they put him on IV with penicillin. Within several hours they could tell it was helping and by the next morning his temp. was down to normal. The dr. had said when he improves his skin will peel like a snakeskin where he had the rash on his back and neck. Hopefully he will be coming home today or tomorrow. The specialist said this is the first case he had of this disease since 1974.

Visitors Sunday were John Witmers

from Tenn. and John and Lisa Deiner from Pa. and Cynthia Lehman and 4 children from Amelia, Va. Lisa Deimer and Cynthia Lehman are sisters to Rita Lehman (Kenneth) and Laura Fisher (David Jay) and they were planning a sisters' get-together.

Tuesday the schoolchildren sang for Elsie Mellinger at Mark Shanks'. In connection with this they had a birthday surprise for sister Lois, as she will be gone at Carbon Hill Bible School over his birthday. Elsie's knee is slowly mending. They figure now quite awhile ago she had bumped her knee and in bumping it, it had somehow pulled something out of 'kelter' so that her knee swelled and was very sore.

Tuesday evening anyone was welcome to go to Eddie Slabaugh's to visit with Samuel Hackmans from Mexico. Amos and I both worked at Crockett, Ky. Rod & Staff 18 yrs. ago when Samuel Hackmans lived there. Eddie S. had also lived at Mexico.

The Mennonite Christian Brotherhood "May Meetings" will be held here at our church this year. Meals and lodging will be provided. Everyone welcome. Amos & Carrie Strite

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

Jan. 15--Phil Schlabach has returned from Alabama where he participated in prison ministries.

Visitors in church were Paul Hertzlers from Amelia, Va.

They are making good progress on Brother Elvin's house. Thursday they put the sub-floor in. On Friday a group from Swanton, Maryland was down and they worked on the outside walls. On Sat. they were planning to get the roof and part of the inside walls done. Elroy from Faith Mission was also down on Friday to help his Dad and the others.

On Sat. Brother Marks from the Catlett area were down here to help. Sister Ruth stayed with her mother, Mommie Troyer, while hubby went to help on the house. Niece Earla spent the afternoon with us.

Brother Eli Yoder from Gladys, Va. had our Sunday evening sermon. Brother Jonas Hershberger is not quite up to par again. Mary Jane Yoder

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 22--Virginia is still blessed with warm weather, but very little moisture for the month of Jan.

Most of the youth have returned from Calvary Bible School, while Wayne Shrock has gone to Sioux Lookout, Ont. for a week of ministry.

Freeman Masts of Martinsburg, Ohio were here over the weekend. He is a brother to Edna Shrock. There were also some youth here from Belleville, Pa.

My wife, Sarah, was able to be at Sunday school and church the 21st, the first time in several months. She has had a remarkable healing experience and we are all very thankful to God and to all who remembered us with prayers and letters, etc.

There are hundreds of Canadian geese in the vicinity, mostly staying around the small flood control ponds and gleaning the corn and pasture fields. There are also many deer left over from the long open season.

Noah Keim

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA

Gap Mills Christian Fellowship

Jan. 8--In Dec. we had our share of winter, snowy and cold. The coldest, in fact, since 1926, with the temperature going down to -26° F. It has warmed up more recently and the snow is nearly all melted. The rain this morning turned into snow later on, but it melted almost as fast as it came down.

Our family spent the last week of Dec. with family and friends in Tn., going to Paris Tues. (Dec. 26). Some of us visited at Whiteville on Wednesday. After our family reunion at Paris Fri. and Sat., we spent the weekend at Sparta and Deer Lodge, coming home again on New Year's Day.

Our family hasn't been too snappy the last week. A few of us started with the flu and/or cold before we came home, and by now we've all had it (some still do), except for good, faithful dad! Most of the other families in our congregation fared little better, with some having all but "good, faithful dad" sick. There was no school Fri. and today because of the epidemic.

Joni Shetlers were to Mt. Perry, Oh. for the last weekend of December. Jesse and Naomi Shetler and Laurie Jones were to Edenville, Pa. for the same weekend.

Joe Schrock from Summersville,

Mo. were at prayer meeting last Wed. evening. They came to visit his brother, Phillip Schrock.

Jadon Shetler from Edenville, Pa., was in our church services last Sun. morning.

Ezra Bylers plan to leave tomorrow morning with their son Jonathan for another visit to the doctor in Ohio.

K. Yoder

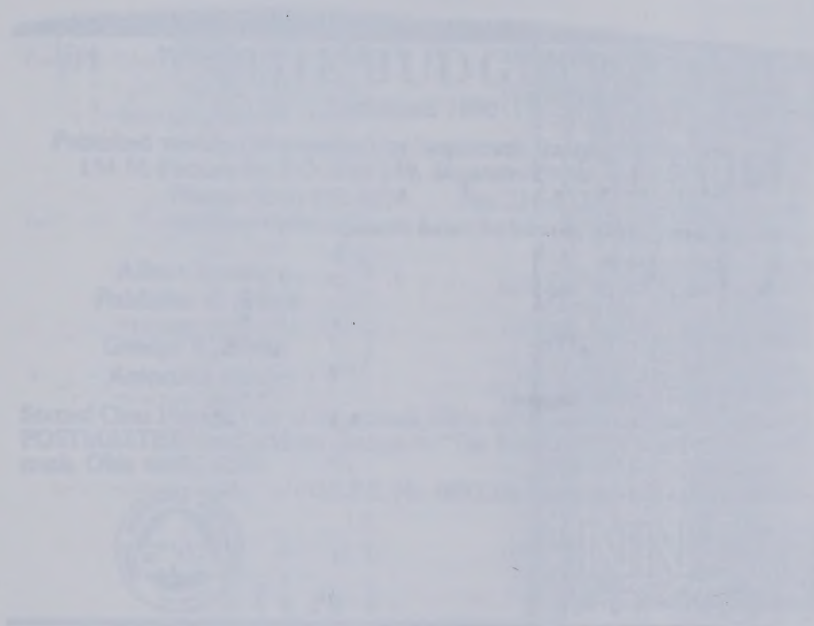
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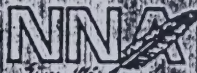
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DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Jan. 29--Min. David Burkholder brought the message yesterday. Min. Earl Barnhart of Ga. had opening and prayer.

Other out-of-state visitors at church were Monroe A. Weaver and wife. He is Budget scribe of Holmesville, Ohio. They were here visiting their son Wayne Weaver and family. Other visitors were Lawrence Petres and Nathan Shenks.

John Heatwole, Howard Goods and Eber Rhodeses have returned from their Florida trip.

Son-in-law Dwight Rohrer spent a few days in R.M. Hospital with a carbuncle on his arm that was infected. He is at home and busy again.

Grandson Jerry Rohrer has mono at this time.

James L. Knicely was injured on July 11, 1989 when a round hay bale fell on him. He has been paralyzed since that. Spent 7 weeks in intensive care at Charlottesville Hospital, then transferred to Richmond to Sheltering Arms Hospital for rehab treatment. Then on Jan. 23, 1990 he was able to return home. He is able to operate a battery-powered wheelchair with controls in the headrest. His address at home is Rt. 2, Dayton, Va. 22821.

Min. Warren Showalter is having a bout with shingles.

Claude Showalter has been a victim of leukemia for nearly 7 years. Then a week ago it got out of control and he was admitted to Charlottesville Hospital. They gave blood several times and a new medicine. He is some improved. He is married to my sister Grace. She and some of the family are with him at hospital.

Sunday my nephew Vernon and Annie Rohrer had as supper guests his parents Frank and Hetty Rohrer and daus. Eva, Edith and Wilda Sue Rohrer and writer. Then they sang awhile also.

Nelson Shank is improving some. Their dau. Ava was a schoolteacher at Oak Lane, but resigned to help her parents at home. Wilda Sue Rohrer took her place in the schoolroom.

Our nearest neighbor, Emory Miller, had a 4-way heart by-pass today a week ago. Is at Richmond Hospital. Had a backset on Thurs. and was returned to intensive care. Sugar too high and fluid on lungs. Is out of intensive care and doing much better again. His wife is with him too.

Reba Cyzick is still on crutches.

Dwight and Ina Wenger spent a few days with their dau. Martha at Charlottesville Hospital. She had trouble with one eye. She was treated and now uses drops. She is deaf and blind and has diabetes. Her address is Rt. 1, Hwy. 42, Dayton, Va. 22821.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

Jan. 29--Thursday evening we had a farewell for Jonathan Raber, local, Delores Peachey, and Paul Ruhl, both of Pa. Dorcas Yoder has replaced Jonathan in the kitchen (until she gets trained in as secretary), Miriam "Joy" Miller is our B-School teacher in Delores' place, and we still need a replacement for Paul as cottage staff.

Visitors here for the farewell were Raymond and Minerva Kaufman and dau. Susan; Delores' mother Linda Peachey and siblings except Junior, including former-staff Marvin, Ivan Peachey's sis. Sadie, Verna Yoder's bro. Melvin, Marlin Kauffman, Irene Kurtz and Gary and Carol Zimmerman, all of Pa., and Marlene Sommers, Oh.

We welcomed 3 new staff this weekend: John Lee Stoltzfus, Pa., Elva Yoder, Ky., and Sharon Miller, Ohio. John Lee's parents and family, the Samuel Stoltzfuses, brought him. Bro. Sam preached here. Verna King also came with them for a visit. Coming with Elva were Wayne Overholt (Nathan's bro.) and Christine Yoder (Elva's sister). Elva Jean Overholt, Mtn. View, went back to Ky. with Wayne and Christine.

The David Raber family, Matthew Lapp, Wilma Miller, Linda Wenger and the Ralph Millers traveled to Ohio for the wedding of Ivan Miller, Mo., and Laura Jean Lapp. The couple plans to live in Missouri. From Ohio, Jonathan Raber traveled to Calvary Bible School to help cook the remaining 5 weeks. Lisa Gingerich went along to Ohio to visit Robert and Katie Byler.

Valerie Van der Ven's parents, N. Carolina, have chosen to take their dau. home for financial reasons (a recent move and a job change). She has been here two years.

Pa. visitors included Rose King's sisters Keturah and Priscilla, Ruth Smucker's sister Twila, Esther and Linda Stoltzfus; Becky Adams and dau. Laura and Glenn Kauffman's brothers Stephen, Michael and Anthony. Christ Beiler's bro. Jake and wife Elizabeth (Zook), Pa., visited briefly last week. Over the weekend we also had various visitors from Va. The Chester Martins, Md., were also here.

Mahlon and Abigail (Miller) Stoltzfus, Pa., announce the birth of a son, J. Wendell, born Jan. 29.

The legislators (Va.) are currently in session for several months. Russell Lewis' mother and a lobbyist hired by the parents are keeping an eye on the bills to prevent one from sneaking in that would jeopardize our exemption from licensure. They need to review an average of about 40 bills a day, judging by the bills on the "slate."

Linda Rose Miller

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 29--January has been a dry month in this part of Va., however melting snow and one good rain recently have helped. Fishing is good in the rivers and some farm ponds since the ice is melted and the fish are in better shape than usual this time of year.

Farmers are plowing corn ground. There will be a great deal of hay left over from last years crop, also much straw, since straw is not used as readily here as it is up north.

Son Leroy and family from Zanesville, Ohio visited us Jan. 26 and 27, it being the birthday get together for Leroy and Sarah, my wife, on the 26th. We drove to Harrisonburg on Sunday, 28th to son Albert's place. Sarah is still improving and is attending church services again.

Enos Schrock's are driving to Belize in a pickup truck, expecting to be there by Feb. 3. Their daughter Lorraine serves at Crique Sarco.

Owen Yoders and his mother Amanda were to Mission Home Sunday 28th to visit David Yoders and to worship there. Noah Keim

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Jan. 29--This mild weather has the tulips and other early spring flowers poking their noses through the surface.

Visitors at Mt. Zion on Sun. were Paul and Mabel Yoder and family from Gap Mills, W. Va. with Paul giving the message. Also Ben and Barbara Kanagy from Guthrie, Ky. who are visiting his mother Leah Kanagy for several days.

Mrs. Willis Miller had an overnight stay in the hospital with a heart condition.

John Beiler Jr. and two children, LeRoy Summys and dau. Marcia, Sharon Schrock and Rebecca Kauffman from Bedford, Pa. spent Tue. in the area. Sharan wanted to be here while her bro. David and family from Deer Lodge, Tn. were here. Rebecca was visiting her second cousins, Anna Schrock of here, and Mrs. Emma Beiler who was still in the area. Emma and husband Eli have now left for their home at Liberty, Ky.

Two new arrivals the past week were Kyle Lee, who was a first for Owen and Cheryl Miller on Thur. and Sheri Darlene to Monroe and Mim Chupp on Sat. Sheri has one sister. John Summy

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Jan. 29--Yesterday the weather was very sunny and warm, approximately 70 degrees. Raymond Kauffman preached at our Sunday service.

Glenn and David Kauffman and Sandra Overholt went to Mt. View Nursing Home in Aroda, Va. to visit some friends for the weekend.

On Friday the young people of the church came and had their Bible study here. Victor Overholt was the leader. My sister-in-law Mary (Steve) Miller is on the road to recovery. Her chest is clearing up and she is again able to talk normal.

We have been talking with Jim, my son in Germany, and are thinking that it would be a good plan for them to come home for a year or so. If they do decide to come hopefully it would be this spring or at the latest, this summer.

This week I heard some news! It seems as though I will become a great-grandma this fall. I guess I will have to use my cane for sure then. My grandson, David, came in the house this week with a smile so large on his face I could hardly see his ears and told that he and Shell will have an addition to their family in September. Mrs. John H. Miller

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Jan. 31--It's sunny and warm with a mid-60's forecast for tomorrow. Jan. has been very mild.

Brenda Mast took Grace and Cheryl Mast (Mexico) to Harrisonburg on Thurs. They were with Eddie Slabaughs for the eve. and overnight and visited Pleasant Valley School on Fri. Fri. eve. Brenda, Grace, Cheryl and Lois Mast and Christine Martin came here, traveling in two cars. Lois and Christine went back Sun. p.m.

David Yoder, Joe Shank, Melvin Mast and the Marvin Mast family left Fri. for Rutherfordton, N.C., coming back Sun. eve. Jennifer Hertzler had gone to NC a week ago Mon. with Fred Masts. She came back with Marvins.

Eldon Hooley was in a 2-vehicle accident yest. which resulted in 17 stitches on his head.

Marvin Masts were to Stuarts Draft yest. to pick up a big bulk food order at Amos Beilers' cheese shop.

I took Grace and Cheryl Mast to Cumberland this a.m. to visit their great-uncle, Jonas Hershberger.

David Weavers are expected back from Mexico today.

Mrs. James E. Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

Jan. 30--Our weekend visitors were Ernie Esh visiting Melody Yoder; Betty Yutzy and Marilyn Miller, both of Ohio visiting Paul and Darlene Overholt (they had worked at Faith Mission Home together several years ago); Ann Fisher's brother and sister Marvin and Linda, and their friends Katherine Stoltzfus and Steve Stoltzfus.

Anna Deitz is on a 3-week vacation at home and other points of interest. This weekend she will be going to Florida with James Miller and Regina Miller.

Etta Miller is going with a group of friends for a week's vacation in Mexico.

Elva Overholt is home in Ky. for a week's vacation. Paul Overholts will be there this weekend and will bring Elva along back.

Connie Schrock and Pete Millers are going to the Night of Music at Sharon Mennonite Bible Institute in Pa. on Friday evening.

Ann Fisher is going to Hartville, Ohio for a wedding on Sat.

Marti Raber's family, the Eli Rabers, will be coming to visit her this weekend.

Vernon Hilty, Lisa Friesen, Carmen Hochstetler and Vicki Miller will be taking their state CNA test in Harrisonburg on Sat.

Amon Wagler will return home this week after helping us out a few weeks.

Ernie Schrock and Michael Troyer worked on our tennis court one day recently. The new office and carport are under construction now, the office walls going up today.

Our worker needs are one girl for the kitchen now and 1 in May; an activities director in April. We will need a nurse, VS or paid, by summer; then more aides and orderlies by fall. Contact Paul or Eldon at (703) 948-6831.

Linda Nissley

BUDGET, FEB 7, 1990 (WEDNESDAY)

Aroda, Virginia

John Elmer Yoder, son of the late John B. and Sarah (Hershberger) Yoder was born Dec. 12, 1908, Welshfield, Ohio. Died at home Jan. 12, 1990, age 81 years, one month, of congestive heart failure.

He was united in marriage to Amanda Hochstetler from Nappanee, In. on Jan. 23, 1936 by David O. Burkholder. They enjoyed life together 53 years, 11 months, 20 days.

To this union were born 4 sons and 5 daughters: Owen Edward, Pratts, Va.; Roy Edwin, Denver, Co.; Rufus Omar, Ephrata, Pa.; Eldon Lee, Madison, Va.; Treva, wife of Wilmer Zook, Harrington, De.; Marie, wife of David T. Yoder, Jr., Free Union, Va.; Leora, wife of Mervin Overholt, Russelville, Ky.; Elmina, Orange, Va.; Viola, Aroda, Va., all surviving.

Also surviving are 25 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; one brother, Menno Yoder of Chesapeake, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Elmina Yoder, Cottage Grove, Tn.

His parents, one brother, Jonas, 2 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild preceded him in death.

In 1926 he moved with his parents from Geauga Co., Ohio to Norfolk, Va. He was baptized there, upon his confession of faith, at the age of 19.

In 1962 he moved his family to Madison, Co. Va. He was a member of the Oak Grove Mennonite Church.

He was a devoted Budget reader and wrote for The Budget approx. 33 years.

We certainly miss dad, but are thankful that he looked forward to meeting his Redeemer and peacefully left in his sleep. Now we are reminded of the songs he used to sing: Heavenly Sunlight, O Happy Day, I Am Resolved to Follow the Savior, Precious Memories, How Beautiful Heaven Must Be, and are comforted.

-By the Family

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 5--Va. is blest with spring-like weather and some good rains lately. Robins are here and fishermen are plying their trade. Farmers are plowing and moving hay bales off the fields to the feed lots.

There seems to be a continual increase in traffic on the local four-lane hiways into the main cities, and the authorities are at a loss as to how to cope with it. No doubt it would take a drastic increase in the price of gas to make a difference.

Min. Eli Raber and wife of Blackville, S.C. were at our services Sun. morning Feb. 4, also some of their family and Eli preached. In the same evening Min. Henry Hershberger of Shipshewana, Ind. preached for us.

Esther, Savilla, and Martha, our daughters, left for Hartville, Ohio this morning, Feb. 5th, to visit our daughter Edna's family, Floyd Beilers, also Leroy's at Zanesville and possibly others.

One of the unusual trades of one of our members is building toy trains. Some of these sell for thousands of dollars and are delivered very long distances, such as Arizona. Don Danuser builds these with the help of Vernon Peachey and Mark Helmuth.

Noah Keim

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

Feb. 5--Pennsylvania visitors include Curtis Stoltzfus (Fri.); and weekend visitors of Linda Wenger and Doris Horst: Corinne Good, Brenda Horst, Margaret Weaver and Anna Zimmerman.

Thurs. we admitted 7-year-old Danny McEwen (Va. Beach).

Ebony Harris was in the hospital to help regulate her medication dosages.

We welcome Brenda Miller, Stuarts Draft, to the staff. Her parents, the Elmer Millers and sisters Connie & Nancy brought her.

Elizabeth & Sharon Miller traveled to Pa. for several days to visit family, and Regina Beachy & Dorcas Yoder traveled to S.M.B.I. for a Fri. night program in the Harrisonville, Pa. area.

Fri. we received meat from four beef-donated by the brethren at Stuarts Draft.

The following came for a committee meeting for the fall Conservative Teachers' Institute: Shelly Graybill, Lawrence Nolt, Joel Yager, all of Pa., and Henry Hershberger, Ind. They met with Nathan Yoder (local). Bro. Henry preached for us Sun. morn.

Linda Rose Miller

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 7--The weather stays unseasonably warm with rain a couple times a week.

Larry Miller, Keith Mast and Joe Weaver flew to Jacksonville, Fl. on Thurs. in connection with the truss rafter business. Flying home Sat. they were surprised to meet up with Laura Schrock (my niece) of Or. at the airport in Atlanta. She was on her way to Bible School at Carbon Hill, Oh.

Joe, Merle and Charles Mast left for Atlanta, Ga. on Wed. to attend the chicken growers convention. It was sort

of a miserable ride home Sat. with Joe and Merle sick with stomach flu.

Mark Weavers of Lebanon Co., Pa. were guests of his sis. Karen (Darryl Masts) from Thurs. to Fri. p.m.

Jerry and Ruby Yoder and family from Mexico arrived Fri. afternoon, planning to stay around a mo. They are staying with her sis., Lyle Shanks.

Sat. a.m. two carloads left for 3rd term of B.S. at Carbon Hill. Those going were June and Doris Yoder (Jerry) and Grace and Cheryl Mast (Roy), all from Mexico, Rebecca Slabaugh of Harrisonburg, and from here were Alfred Bear, Katherine Hertzler, Keren Martin and Delvin, Brenda and Lois Mast. Jennifer Hertzler was on the waiting list and had received word she could come, but was sick, so stayed home.

Silas Martins left Sat. a.m. for their son Steves' at Hagerstown, Md. They came back Sun. eve.

Jerry Weavers and Ellen Weaver went to Lancaster, Pa. Sat. afternoon, having supper at Ruth Ann's uncle Nelson Rohrsers'. Also there were her cousin Eunice and Daniel Yoder of Leburn, Ky., who are home on furlough from Dominican Republic. The Weavers went on to Dover, Pa. overnight with Ruth Ann's family, John Rohrsers, coming home Sun. eve.

Karen, Delbert, Marcus and Leon (all Masts) left Sun. at 3 a.m. for Bible Study Fellowship at the Royers, Pa. cong., coming back yet Sun. night.

David Yoder was to his home at Dublin, Ga. over the weekend.

Daniel and Susanna Hooley got back from their wedding trip Sat. eve.

Fred Zimmermans of Clayton, De. brought John J. Millers home on Sat. and were weekend guests of Vernon Masts and Larry Millers.

Eldon Hooley was in church for preaching services Sun. He had 10 stitches instead of 17 as I wrote last week.

Roy and Esta Mast of Mexico and Jerry and Thelma Yoder of Ga. became grandparents again on Feb. 5 when 8 lb. Marlene Faith arrived in Mexico. This is Nathan and Debbie Mast's 3rd child and 2nd girl. Great-grandparents are Harvey and Sadie Mast of here and Melvin and Anna Schrock of Or.

Mrs. James E. Mast

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

Feb. 4--Fifty years ago on Groundhog Day, Farmville, Va. was the coldest spot in the nation, with a temp. of -16° and a 24 inch snowfall. This year we had a high of 71°.

There has been constant progress on Elvin Yoder's house. There have been workdays for men coming from Amelia, Va., Gap Mills, W.Va., Stuarts Draft, and Mission Home.

Jan. 21 our visitors in church were Jadon, Jesse, Naomi Shetler, Gap Mills, W.Va. and Rachel Shetler, Mark, Jay and Joy Stoltzfus. The visitors and our youth then had supper and a singing at Uria Shetlers'.

We're really glad to have Mary Ruth Shetler back with us again after another year of service in Honduras. The youth were all at Joe Troyers' for supper and a comfort knotting as a welcome for her.

Fri. eve., Jan. 26, Daniel Zook of Gap Mills, W.Va. called from Lexington to say they are having car trouble. My parents left right away (around 9:00) to go help them out. Daniels then brought their car on down with my parents following them. They got in around 1:30 Sat. morn.

Daniel Zooks & Milan & Martha Hochstetler were our visitors the following Sun. Amanda Troyer was able to be in church again.

Mary Yoder, Michael & Rhonda Troyer visited in Mission Home, Va. Jan. 28 coming back the same day.

Last Thurs. Elvin Yoders' belongings were moved from storage to the basement of their new home. When Uria Shetler tried to drive his big truck up the lane it backfired and started on fire. Some of the rest of us ran to the churchhouse for water. It was soon put out but there were a few scary moments. Uria kept the fire down by putting coveralls over it until the water was there.

Paul & Marie Schwartz

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA

Gap Mills Christian Fellowship

Feb. 5--The weather continues to be mild.

Six brethren from here were to Farmville, Va. Thurs. (Jan. 25) to help out on Elvin Yoders' new house, since their other one burned down.

Jadon Shetler from Edenville, Pa. has been in the area the last several weeks.

Ina and Lena Mae Troyer from Paris, Tenn. visited their dau. and sis., Mrs. Phillip Schrock and family several days. They were here the last weekend of Jan. Also here that weekend were Jerry Millers from Edenville, Pa. and Rachel Shetler from Leola, Pa.

Our family was to Stuarts Draft, Va. for the same weekend. All of my father's family were together on Sun.

Joni and Anna Shetler left on Mon. (Jan. 29) for C.A. After driving to Miami, Fla. they flew the rest of the way to Honduras, also planning to include the bish. ordination in Costa Rica on this trip.

Eli Schrock and daus. Ellen and Naomi from Linn, Mo. were visitors in prayer meeting last week. They came especially to visit the Phillip Schrock family.

My mother's sisters and most of her nieces from Union Grove, N.C. and Stuarts Draft, Va. were here last Tues. (Jan. 30). This included Uriel, Viola and Sara Ellen Miller, Mrs. Raymond Detweiler, Mrs. Merlin Miller and Mrs. Donald Yoder from N.C. and Sadie and Barbara Kinsinger, Allan Beilers and Mrs. Timothy Yoder from Va. Allan spent the day with his bro. and family, William Beilers. Also included with the N.C. load were Mrs. Paul Peachey (as a surprise for my mother) and my grandmother, Mrs. Elmina Yoder from Paris, Tn., who plans to stay with us for a few weeks. The womenfolk seemed quite content to while away the day around a quilt.

We spent several days last week without running water until we got our well back in service again. We tried to pull the pump ourselves, when the rope tore and fell back into the well. This pile of rope on top of the pump lodged the pump so tightly that the service man tore the pipe underground trying to get it out. We finally got the old pump sent back down to the bottom and a new one installed in its place. Someone remarked that we were living back in the "good old days" (without running water). I guess old may be accurate, but I'm not so sure about the "good" part.

Kevin Yoder

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

Feb. 4--Visitors in church this morning were Milton Chupps and 2 little boys, Toby Jay and Junior Layne. Mrs. Chupp is our daughter Fern. They came on Tuesday and left today for Fair Play, S.C. They are going to his folks' home. Tomorrow morning they plan to start building his parents new home. They are building a super dome home. Fern and Milt will spend about 2 weeks in S.C.

On Thursday, Jan. 18th, Faith Hostetler had a bad fall from a horse at the Jonathan Yoder home. She had a concussion and was not able to be on her feet for a few days.

Carl and Veronica Hertzler, Sharon and Martin Layman all spent the weekend in Ohio. If I understood right it was something to do with Bible School at Rosedale.

In 2 weeks we plan to leave for S.C. to see our daughter and family 1 more time before they go back to Texas.

Mary Jane Yoder

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Feb. 6--We had beautiful weather all last week, upper 70's, for our winter Bible school, led by Jonathan Kanagy, Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs. Jonas (Sara) Miller flew to Fla. Sat. p.m. to visit and help her sister, Linda, care for their mother, Abbie Weaver, who is very ill. Her husband passed away last July and the body taken to Ohio for burial where they used to live.

Addona and Mary Nissley's new address is: 147 Frank Dr., Chesapeake, Va. 23320.

Matthew and Anna Stafford announce the birth of their first child, Stephanie Anne, 7 lb. 5 oz., born Feb. 3. Grandma is Verna Mae and great-grandma Irene Yoder.

Mary Beiler stays busy with their household duties, using her walker, and she doesn't go away much. She does enjoy hearing from friends and will have her 80th birthday on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Mail will reach her at 150 Yoder Lane, Va. Beach, Va. 23462.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

MT. CRAWFORD, VA

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

Feb. 8--Sunday visitors Jan. 28th were Ben Sauders, Clyde Beidler Jrs. and Loyal Troyers, all from Pa. Loyal had our Sunday School devotions. Also Melvin Beachys from Kalona, Iowa.

John Mark Fisher spent only 3 days in the hospital and was on penicillin pills about a week after he got out and he's doing fine.

The week of Jan. the 28th-Feb. 4th was Bible Study Fellowship hosted by Royers Church. Most of our youth people attended.

Our teachers Rebecca Slabaugh and Lois Mast are at 3rd term of Carbon Hill Bible School. Our substitutes are Carrie Derstine from Pa. and Berdella Swartzentruber from here.

Visitors this past Sunday were Ivan Millers from Kalona, Iowa, Nelson Swartzentrubers from Amelia, Va. and Howard Swartzentrubers from Manitoba, Canada. Howards plan to be around for about a week.

The early crocuses are blooming. With the recent rains and warm temp. the rye grass cover crops are really greening up.

The new dating couple in our church is Curtis Witmer (Josephs) and Rebecca Slabaugh (Eddies).

Andrew Slabaugh (Eddies) will be working for Nathan Webers of Hagerstown, Md. for several months.

During the week of Bible Study Fellowship Meetings we had the privilege of having my niece Ruth Kropf (Philips) from Ohio here for about 2½ days. She also visited at her uncle Ivan Shanks' (my sister Rosella) and at her uncle Edgar Landises'.

David Fisher was out to Farmington, New Mexico to a Lamp and Light board meeting over last weekend.

Amos and Carrie Strite

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Feb. 5--We are enjoying the nice weather, but it is getting so that we are almost wishing for colder weather, as the buds will soon start pushing.

On Fri. was Stuarts Draft's day to help with M.C.C. meat canner at Dayton on the Joe Berry farm. By ten o'clock we were done cutting meat for M.C.C. and started on our relief project grinding hamburger for Mission Home and Mountain Mission School. The hamburger was put in 10 lb. plastic bags and packed 30 lb. to a box with the Dept. of Agriculture inspection stamp. It was put into the cooler overnight and early Sat. morn. we headed for the Mountain Mission School at Grundy, Va. which is a 250 mile drive. We ate dinner with the 250 schoolchildren, who were happy to get some hamburger. A lot of the children come from refugee families that are not able to give them any schooling. They stay there until they have learned a trade. They are under strict discipline.

Newlyweds Nathan and Elsie Yoder from Fredericksburg, Ohio, were here over Sun., having brought Steve Miller who has some special interests here.

John and Barbara Beiler headed for Tn. Thur. morn.

Raymond Millers were at Paris, Tn. over Sun. and Kathryn and Fannie Miller were at Belvidere.

Ben and Salina Hershberger have returned from almost a week's stay in Canada for a hernia operation for Salina.

Amos Beilers have gone to visit his sister Nancy and Robert Yoder family, with stops in North and South Carolina.

John Summy

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Feb. 11--Weatherwise it does not seem like the middle of Feb. with robins singing and bluebirds twittering. The grass never entirely lost its green color all winter. Maple buds are almost bursting.

On Wed. we went over to Adam Millers' to meet their Del. visitors, who had spent the night here. They were Adam's bro. Neil and wife, Annie's sister Lizzie and husband, Andy Byler, who is also a bro. to Bennie Byler, and Annie's nephew Raymond Detweiler and wife. Also in the load were three generations, visiting Noah and Malinda Yoder; Malinda's grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Byler, her mother, Mrs. Andy Barbarann Yoder, and her sister, Vernie Yoder.

Adam Miller was admitted to the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg on Fri. with pleurisy and pneumonia. He said, now John will put this in The Budget and they told him that way he will get more mail again. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 628B, Stuarts Draft, Va. 24477.

Rebecca and Daniel Miller, children of Raymond Millers, went to Ind. to visit their bro. Melvin, who is teaching school there, and to remind him of his 21st birthday.

Lee and Adella Kanagy and three grandchildren from Belleville, were visiting his sister and sister-in-law here and attended Pilgrim Fellowship services today. Other visitors there were Marcus Kauffman, who filled in with teaching duties at Va. Beach after his cousin Jim had passed away. Marcus brought along Ruth Weaver, who is on a two-month furlough from Belize.

Sam Yoder is going with a load tomorrow morn. that Hershel Bridge got together to go for M.D.S. work in N.C.

Pilgrim Fellowship is having services this eve. for John Miller from Belvidere, Tn. who are on their way home from Pen Valley Retreat.

Calvin Troyers, who had been at Farmville this afternoon, brought along our dau. Mary, Mrs. Noah Schwartz, to accompany us tomorrow morn. when we head for Grantsville, Md. to attend the funeral of my bro.-in-law Pete Yoder on Tues.

John Summy

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 14--Fri. was a 71° day and today is nearly as warm. We had heavy rains on Sat.

Howard Swartzentrubers of Manitoba visited his bro. Nelson Swartzentrubers last week.

Paul Weaver, Melvin, Marcus and Leon Mast, Danny Martin, Carl Miller, Howard Hooley and Jennifer Hertzler left Fri. for a weekend at Leburn, Ky. A carload from Messiah Bible School joined them there, which included Delvin Mast, Keren Martin and Katherine Hertzler from here.

Steve Masts and David Weavers headed for Pa. on Fri. eve. Steves were with Phyllis' family, Ruth Hoover, in Lebanon Co. for the weekend, and Davids in Lancaster Co. with Leon and Karen Nolt. There was a get-together at Leons' Sat. eve. for friends of previous years of Phyllis and Judy. Both couples attended church at Elm St. on Sun.

We left for Carbon Hill, Ohio Sat. a.m., taking our 7 youngest children along. We were with Philip Weavers from Sat. eve. to Tues. a.m. Our reason for going was to be with our son Mahlon Masts of Wi., who are on their way to Guatemala for a 2-yr. term with the Conservative Mission. Mahlons and our family spent most of Mon. visiting classes at M.B.S. where Brenda and Lois (our girls) are this term. Mahlons and Lawrence and Arlene Fox (of Unity, Wi.) left yest. with a school bus loaded with relief goods, hoping to be with Roy Masts in Mexico by this weekend.

Raymond and Elmeda Bear arrived at Carbon Hill, Ohio at 10 a.m. Mon. and headed home yet that eve. They got to Bible School a bit, as their son Alfred is there, but the main purpose of the trip was to pick up some garage doors at Columbus, Ohio.

Harry Hertzlers of Salisbury, Md. were here on business Mon. p.m. and yest., going to Joe Hertzlers' at Cumberland overnight last night. While here, their meals and lodging were with Walter Weavers.

The Jerry Yoder family of Mexico left yest. to visit his bro. Edward Yoders at Sudlersville, Md. They plan to come back this eve.

Ed and Lucene (Mast) Plett of Mexico received a Mexican baby at birth on Mon., which they plan to adopt. He weighed 7½ lbs. and they named him Stanley Jordon. This is their first child.

Mrs. James E. Mast

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Falth Mission Home

Feb. 13--Wed. we started a revised child-care schedule, with revised groupings too. With several recent admissions, etc. and plans for a "new" home ec kitchen soon, we needed to do some changing.

The Reuben, Nathan and David Yoders went to Penn Valley Retreat last weekend. Elvin Stoltzfus and Christ Beiler went home to Pa. for Sun. Myma Lapp, Glenn Kauffman and Cheryl Kuepfer went to Pa. for the Smoker-Lapp wedding. Mabel Kurtz traveled home with them and came back on Mon. with her sister Anna and family, the Abraham Shirk Jrs.

Kenneth Kuhns, with sons Glendon and John Mark, and also Terrell Spears went to Il. to take Wilma Hershberger back, who had been helping them.

Quinn and Katrina Schrock, presently working for Choice Books in S. Carolina were here Sun., especially to visit her cousin Lisa Gingerich.

Pa. visitors included Regina Beachy's guests Durbin Wagner, Dana Atkinson and Michael McNatin; Linda Wenger's sister Brenda and family, the Timothy Martins; also Ruthie Petersheim and Marilyn Lapp (Ruth Smucker's guests); and Karen Zook's sister Norma and family, the Phil Stoltzfuses.

Karen Zook, Naomi and James Schlabach and Karen Miller enjoyed Ohio visitors: Wilma Zook, Jonas, Laura and Allen Schlabach and Rebecca Yoder.

George and Priscilla Stoltzfus, Pa., have welcomed Ruth Yvonne into their family, born Feb. 5.

Linda Rose Miller

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Princess Ann Area

Feb. 7--After some real warm days in the 70s. We had some rain and it turned colder.

Our visitors in church Sun. were Kenneth Kauffmans and 2 children who came to visit Lois Kauffman and also an uncle and some cousins. They were all at Raymond Kauffmans' for Sun. dinner. Kens left for home at Catlett, Va. Sun.

Another visitor for our evening services was Vickie Miller who is working in Aroda at the nursing home. Her grandma, Ida Miller and Aunt Janet went to Aroda and picked her up and were at Noah Keims' for dinner Sun. Sam Miller took her to Richmond Tues. and someone from the home picked her up there and took her back for work.

Alva Yoders are in the process of putting up a new log cabin home on Blackwater Road about 2 miles from the N.C. line.

The little finches arrived early this year probably because of the warm weather. They can soon empty a feeder of sunflower seeds.

Wesley Overholt has been laid up with a broken collarbone which happened while playing football in school.

Mon. evening a group of boys from Teen Challenge from Pa. were here and we gave them supper at our schoolhouse, then they went to St. Bride's Correctional Center and gave a program there.

Feb. 10--Sun. morning Robin Hershberger, Crist and I will go to Southampton for our Sun. school class.

Victor Overholts left for S.C. Fri. morning for their dau.'s birthday, Mrs. Dennis Swartz.

The engagement of our granddau. Lorrain Hershberger and Marlin Wengard has been announced. Lorrain has been living with her uncle and aunt, Paul and Martha Hershberger in S.C. for over a year and is a member at Whispering Pines church. A June wedding is being planned in S.C.

Sarah Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 13--According to the robins spring is here, but they have been wrong before and have had to search for food in the snow. Some bushes are putting out leaves and grass is greening up since the good rains and up to 70° temperature.

Our young people are back from Calvary Bible School and Kenneth Yoder has gone to take in the last 3 weeks. Owen and Erma Yoder were to Pa. to a retreat, where Owen was an instructor.

Joe Millers of Va. Beach were at our meeting Sun. morning and Joe had Sun. school devotions.

Our 3 daus. returned from Oh. the 8th and reported a very good time with the relatives and their bro. at Zanesville and a sis. at Hartville.

There is still some flu in this area and it sometimes brings complications, especially among older folks. My wife, Sarah is still gaining and is to have a checkup today. Elmina Yoder is caring for 3 ladies in her home and is usually able to bring them to church.

Our visitors on Mon., the 12th were Ann Roller and her newborn son and her parents, Scott and Jan Ewing of Lansing, Mich. The Ewings had been to Hutchinson, Kans. where Mrs. Ewing's father is a guest at a Menn. nursing home. Kenneth and Ann Roller came to our church since they started working for David Kipps.

Word was received here of the death of Wm. Miller of Snyder Co., Pa. Bills lived in this area 2 different times but later lived in Holmes Co. till after the death of his first wife.

Our local wood preserving plant is one of the larger plants in Va., putting out as many as seven semi-loads of treated lumber a day, locally and to several different states. Noah Keim

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

Feb. 7--Our weather is mild--around 50 degrees and today we had a nice rain.

On Sunday Janet and I went to Aroda to pick up my granddaughter, Vicki Miller, who is working at Mt. View Home. We arrived here about 6:00 p.m. and went to church. After church Rachel Beiler and Linda Zook surprised us with some goodies. She spent a few days here, then Sam, Rachel Beiler and I took her to Richmond where she was met by some of her friends from Aroda who took her home the rest of the way.

Sam planted our peas and they are already peeping through the ground.

On Tuesday my left shoulder was so painful that I hardly knew what to do. Getting older has its disadvantages.

Mrs. John H. Miller

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Feb. 12--Beautiful weather since the nice rain Fri. Pussy willows are out.

Dwight and Louise Rohrer accompanied Franklin and Anna Lee Burkholder to S.C. to Heritage Bible School to visit Franklin's daughter Sonia.

Claude Showalter was released from Charlottesville Hospital where he had treatment. They gave new medicine. He is much improved and came home Jan. 31.

Howard Knicely (Byard) was also at Charlottesville Hospital since Jan. 31 for chemotherapy treatment. Is feeling much better and spent weekend at home. His mother Mrs. Byard Knicely is taking cobalt treatment at R.M. Hospital.

Mrs. John Knicely fell down the basement steps and was in hospital with cuts and severe bruises. No broken bones.

Robert Hiltys are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Crystal Joy of Spencerville, Ohio to Darrel Landis, son of Ralph E. Landises of Dayton, Va. An April 21 wedding is being planned.

Beef canning for relief is history for this year. 129 cows were butchered which made 15 tons of canned beef.

Happy parents of their first child after 7 years of marriage is a son on Jan. 30, Chad Michael, to Harry Lee and Melinda Beery. Grandparents are Joe and Wilda Beery and John and Mattie Wenger.

Also a son to Nelson and Marjorie Shank, Arlin Russell, on Feb. 2 of Bridgewater. Grandparents are Nelson and Mary Shank Sr. and Eber and Mary Isaac Rhodes.

Reba Cyzick is back in R.M. Hospital for the third time. This time has bone infection in her foot. Her injured hip is improving.

Our children Maynard and Norma Falb of Ohio spent the weekend here. He wanted to give her this trip for her birthday Sunday. They went to Williamsburg to pottery first on Friday.

Our daughter Louise Rohrer had an operation on her thumb last week. A cyst was removed at R.M. Hospital.

Grandson Clifford Rohrer went to N.Y. for 2 weeks to set up a large egg machine.

A converted man, once an infidel, said to a friend: "One Sabbath morning while in South America I went into the woods in search of game. After awhile I sat down on a log. My attention was drawn to a neighboring tree by the cries of a bird, which was fluttering over her nest, apparently in great distress. On looking round I saw a snake creeping along toward the tree, with his eye fixed on the bird and her nest. Presently I saw the male bird fly quickly away, as if anxious to get something. In a little while he returned with a twig, covered with leaves in his mouth. Perching near the nest, he laid the twig carefully over his mate and her young, entirely covering them and then taking his place on one of the top-most branches of the tree, he awaited the arrival of the enemy. By this time the snake had reached the tree. Twisting himself around the trunk, he climbed up; then gliding along the branch till he came near the nest, he lifted his head as if he were going to dart upon the poor bird. He looked at the nest for a moment and then, suddenly throwing back his head, made his way down the tree as fast as he could and went off. Climbing up the tree and examining the leaves of the twig which had been such a shield and defense to that helpless bird. I found that it had been broken off from a bush which is poisonous to the snake and which it is never known to touch."

In a moment the question arose in my mind: who taught this bird its only weapon of defense in such an hour of danger? And quick as thought, came the answer, none but God.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 20--Va. is blest with warm weather since early in Jan., with occasional lows to 20° and lately good rains, some shrubs are blooming, lilacs are budding, maples turn red. It maybe hard on the fruit crop.

Sunday morning the 18th Bro. Roger Berry of Elkton preached for us. His family was all here too. Roger was raised in this community and his mother is in our nursing home.

Sunday evening several brethren including Bobby Eaton of the Haiti committee were here and presented the needs and the work in Haiti. We who have never been to that country can hardly grasp the poverty and illiteracy to be found there. Yet in our own country may be found people who are poor and quite illiterate, the result, partly of the break-up of families and lack of faith in God.

Sat. the 17th some people from here were to the funeral of Bro. Adam Miller at Stuarts Draft.

Harry Yoders have bought land near our place and are planning to build a house on it in the near future.

David and Alma Hochstetler of Belize are the parents of a new son, named Ryan Daniel. They now have two sons and three daughters. Davids will be coming home in August, we hear.

My wife Sarah is still doing well and is quilting every day. There is some sickness in the neighborhood, a second flu invasion.
Noah Keim

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission

Feb. 20--Cecil Knight (local) died Fri. with the funeral on Mon.

Ruth Smucker enjoyed a visit from her sister Kathy and family, the David James Kings. Other Pa. visitors included Rose's parents, the Jonas Kings, and also Daniel Kings; Linda Peachey's sister Mary Ann and husband Sam Yoder and children.

Karen Zook's bro. Galen, his wife Karen and family, Ohio, were here traveling with David and Esther Yoder and family. The wives are sisters to Mary Ellen Yoder. The Nelson Lapps, Ohio, were weekend visitors of their son Matthew. Walter and Theresa Beachy, Md., came to visit their cousin Regina.

Nathan Overholt, Ky. and Esther Townsend, Tn. went to visit their respective families. Bob Longest accompanied Nathan home.

Sat. was the wedding of Rose Stoltzfus and former staff Dave Beiler, Pa. Attending from here were the Nathan and David Yoders and Wilma Miller. Doris Horst also traveled to Pa. to attend her uncle's funeral. Nathans had gone to Hagerstown, Md. for a committee meeting. Lamar Martin and Doris' bro. Mel and family brought Doris back. Lamar and Doris announced wedding plans for Sept. 22.

Miriam "Joy" and Miriam Miller traveled to Ohio to visit their respective families. And the Eugene Schlabach family visited relatives in W. Virginia and Ohio. They attended the Khemchandani-Schrock wedding in Ohio.

We have started a week of evening Bible School with Ralph Miller, local, and Roman Mullet, Pa. as speakers. Visitors Mon. evening were Sue Beachy's parents, Raymond Barkmans, Ohio, and Simeon Hege's sister Lois Fern with husband Robert Loewen and dau. Heidi, who are traveling from Belize where Robert taught school.

Thomas and Rhoda Bontrager, Ind., announce the birth of a son, Anthony Thomas, on Jan. 23, received for adoption soon thereafter.

About 25 staff and residents plan to give 5 programs in Pa. in 2 weeks. Evening programs are at 7:30; Thurs., March 1 is at Chestertown, Md.; Fri., Melita; Sat., Hope Mennonite; and Sun., Summitview. Sun. morning is at Pequea at 9:00. And the weekend of March 18, a similar schedule is planned for 5 communities in Ohio.
Linda Rose Miller

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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Feb. 15--Our weather remains mild and the peas in the garden are up and it is a pleasure to see the nice little rows.

Today we had church and tonight we will have a planned program.

Joe and Christine Miller were in Aroda today to pick up their son Joseph who is returning home after 6 weeks at Bible school.

Vicki Miller, my granddau. spent a few days with us. At the present time she is working at Mt. View Nursing Home in Aroda. Janet and I went to get her and had an enjoyable lunch with Noah, Sarah and Savilla Keim.

One of our Sun. school classes provided a real nice supper for the Teen Challenge group of approx. 30 men. Rock church provided their sleeping arrangements. They are traveling and giving programs at various places and then went with our group to the prison that we minister to on a regular basis.

Victor Overholt and family were in S.C. for the weekend.

I had the opportunity to talk with most of my children who are away from home this week. Leon called me from a shopping mall in Lanc. He had just run into Mary (Fred) Miller who was shopping also. Fred was a bro. to my husband John. Then I talked with Jim in Germany.

Mrs. John H. Miller

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Feb. 19--A cold wave over the weekend sent the temperature down to 24, putting a hush to the frog chorus.

We returned Tue. eve. from attending the funeral of Pete Yoder near Grantsville. Next morning we took dau. Mary, Mrs. Noah Schwartz, to her home at Farmville, and noticed the willow trees along the road were quite green already.

Adam Miller was relieved of his earthly suffering on Wed. eve. when he passed away at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, after being a patient there for almost a week. The funeral services, which were conducted by Elmer Schrock, Dan Yoder and Bennie Byler were held at the Pilgrim Fellowship Church on Sat. with burial in the Stuarts Draft Amish Cemetery. A large assemblage of dear friends and relatives from far and wide came to pay their last respects.

The visitors staying over Sun. were too numerous to mention by name but the visiting miniters that presented the message at Pilgrim Fellowship were Vernon Nissley from Fairview, Mo. and Raymond Kauffman from Va. Beach. Vernon also gave a message at the Mt. Zion evening services.

Sam Yoder's youngest bro. Ben and wife Elsie from Millersburg, Pa. came to visit them Fri. and also attended a wedding in W. Va., leaving for Aroda on Sun. afternoon.

Luis Swartzentrubers and Naomi Schrock were at Farmville on Sun., going with Steven and Nancy Kinsinger.

John Summy

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

Feb. 16--At church was the engagement announcement of Russell Hartman and Joyce Hunzicker. A July wedding is being planned.

Last weekend Eddie Slabaugh's family was to Pa. to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Devon and Rachel Eby.

David and Janice Fishers paid a visit in this area. They are returning to Paraguay and left here Wednesday noon starting on their 20-hr. drive to Miami, Florida to catch the plane for Asuncion, Paraguay. There were 12 in the van load. Besides the family they had John Fisher (David's father) and Joseph Showalter (David S.'s son from Paraguay) and Paula Rohrer (James' dau.) from Bethel, Pa. Paula is going to visit her grandparents, Ivan Brubakers in Paraguay.

This van load was to John Beachys' for supper and an open house there in the evening for whoever wanted to come visit them. They were overnight guests at Edgar Landises' and here for Wednesday dinner.

We had a lovely spring rain in the night. The weather has been mild.

Amos and Carrie Strite

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

Feb. 22--Visitors in church Sunday were Grover and Ruth Baugher from Pa. They were visiting relatives in the area. Several families missing Sunday due to sickness.

Ivan Shanks family were to Hagers-town Fellowship for a preaching appointment.

Phillip Lehman came home for the weekend, bringing Andrew Slabaugh along home from his job at Nathan Webers'. They left Sunday afternoon to take up their responsibilities again Mon. morning.

Feb. 19 was the funeral of Amos' great aunt Rhoda Weber of near Leitersburg, Md. The funeral was held at Millers Church. We took our whole family and attended the funeral, returning yet that day. Aunt Rhoda Weber was 89 yrs. old and was a sister to Amos's grandfather Amos W. Strite.

This Friday ends 3 weeks of substitute teaching for Carrie Derstine and Berdella Swartzentruber. A farewell is planned by the mothers for right after school tomorrow in appreciation for their efforts.

Amos & Carrie Strite

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA

Gap Mills Christian Fellowship

Feb. 19--This morning a week ago we had several inches of wet snow, but in general the weather is still mild.

Joni Shetlers returned from their C.A. trip last Thur. On Fri. they, along with Naomi, Jadon and Jesse, went to Lancaster Co., Pa. for a wedding.

Rachel Yoder and Ella Schlabach were to Bedford and Chambersburg, Pa. for the weekend recently.

Richard Reeces were in our church services Sun. morning (Feb. 11). They are from a German Baptist church about 20 miles from here.

My mother and sister Delores took my grandmother, Mrs. Elmina Yoder from Paris, Tn. (who was here about two weeks) to Stuarts Draft, Va. and were there for the day last Mon. They helped my aunt and cousins, the Kinsingers, with housecleaning.

K. Yoder

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 21--Dwight Hooley of Wellsboro, Pa. was here 3-4 days last week to get some machinery. He also worked for his bro. Nelson and helped put in the septic system for his bro. Mervin's trailer house while there.

Silas and Martha Martin were to Pantego, N.C. last week for insulation work on Gary Miller's house addition. They left yest. for Fl. for a non-working week's vacation.

Marion and Sarah Miller of Pantego, N.C. were here for the weekend to help in pre-ordination services. It was decided to send two ministers to Mexico for 2 years to help Bro. Jerry Yoder with his heavy load there. So nominations were taken here Sat. eve. and this coming weekend nominations will be taken at Pangeo, followed by an ordination in the near future. Marions were at Harvey Masts' and had meals with Silas Martins, Vernon Masts and us, plus some visits in other homes.

Levi Kramers were to Farmville Sun. afternoon to a birthday gathering for his sis. Amanda Troyer. Another sis. Katherine and Wm. Miller from Harrisonburg were also there, plus all but one of Amanda's children.

Nathan Masts of Mexico arrived at David Weavers' Mon. eve. He plans to work with David's logging crew for awhile.

Jerry Yoders of Mexico have been having meals and visits in various homes. This week they've been to Wayne Masts, Kenneth Hooleys and here, with plans to be at Marvin Mast's tomorrow eve.

Mrs. James E. Mast

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

Feb. 17--Not only did the groundhog see his shadow on the 2nd, but the spring peepers started their merry chorus and turtles were seen out. Forsythia is in full bloom, also maple trees.

Robert and Sonny Yoders have moved now and Milo Zehrs are moving today. Also is a work day for John and Naaman Stoltzfuses. They have each bought a trailer and are setting them up on a 5-acre lot not far from where they are living now.

Jimmy and Janie Martin and Esther Schrock arrived in Washington, D.C. from Haiti Tues. night. Robbie Yoders picked them up at the airport. Jimmys will be home about a month before going back for another year of service there, taking in Jimmy's sis. Janet's wedding March 3.

Son Howard had his eyes tested Jan. 26 and the doctor made an appt. for him to go to Charlottesville to see a specialist because he saw evidence of a condition

that could suddenly cause blindness. When he got there the specialist wanted to immediately start laser beam surgery to seal off weak veins behind the eyes that could rupture. He needs 3 treatments for each eye. He has had two now. He is diabetic which causes this condition. It's only since 1983 that they can do this treatment to save diabetics from blindness.

He and several of their children have been sick this week with some kind of stomach flu. It seems he can't get cleared up so he went to see the doctor this morning. He milks once a day on a large dairy farm. His 14 and 13-year-old boys are able to milk when he can't. Usually he seems very well and works hard. He is 37. They have 5 children. He started with juvenile diabetes at age 13.

Son Jerry hasn't been able to do much most of the winter because of very painful arms. The doctor has been treating him for tendonitis, but he didn't respond. Mon. he had an appt. with a neurologist for tests. He's sending the results to the orthopedist. He did say there's nerve damage. I guess he will find out next Mon. what they can do for him. Their house is almost ready for occupancy. It's been very slow going with Ernest doing most of the work himself as he had time and was able. Delvin is kept pretty busy with mechanic work, plus the farming, etc.

Ernest & Lovina Yoder

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

Feb. 19—This week we welcome Myron Yutzy from Plain City, Ohio. He will be an orderly.

Marti Raber and Carmen Hochstetler were home in South Carolina over the weekend. Rosetta Helmuth went with them. Lisa Friesen went home to Ohio for nearly a week.

Ann Fisher took a week's vacation to Florida. Etta Miller is home in Ohio for about a week, due to sickness. Hilda Zook will be going home to Pa. on Wednesday for 2 weeks. Others going home this weekend are Vernon Hilty to Ga. and Laban Kaufman to Ohio.

Rachel Webb's mother, fiancé Philip Hochstetler and his mother and little sister Charity came to see Rachel a few days.

Eli Miller from Tenn. was here Sat. eve. and Sun. to visit Larry Miller.

A former worker, Bobby Eaton and his wife and 2 children from Ky. were overnight guests at Paul Overholts' Sunday night.

Recently when we responded to the fire alarm we found the fire was the fire of love! James Miller and Anna Dietz chose to announce their engagement by setting off the fire alarm and had a pizza party ready for us!

Linda Nisley

VA. BEACH, VIRGINIA

Princess Ann Area

Feb. 13—What a beautiful sunny morning but we did have a hard frost. Temp. was 30°.

Feb. 15—Our weather is unusual warm and tomorrow it's to be 85, but we're to have rain and then colder again. Our dau. in Iowa said they are having a snow blizzard.

Dale Keffers and Ray Horst are probably experiencing the blizzard as they are in Iowa at the present time for a ministers' fellowship meeting.

Marlin Wengard and Lorrain Hershberger from S.C. will be in Va. over this weekend to be with Lorrain's parents, the Jacob Hershbergers.

Elva Beiler has left for Meigs, Ga. again by air for a week to be with her daughter and son, Paul Beilers and Richard Swartzentrubers while Steve and Diane Swartz are there to visit.

A mistake in my last week's letter. Raymond Kaufmans were not along to Stuart Draft. Only Marcus Kauffman and his cousin, a Weaver girl. They were back for Sun. evening services, which was a program. A Sunday School Class of girls and two boys gave us a number of songs which was very good.

Sarah Mast

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

Feb. 19—We've been really blessed with visitors the past two weekends. Last weekend our visitors from Swanton, Md. were Martha and Jo Ann Yoder, Sharon and Dennis Miller, Matthew Mullet and Allan Kauffman. From Gap Mills, W.Va. were Jesse and Naomi Shetler and from the Mt. View Nursing Home in Aroda, Va. were Naomi Schla-bach, Vicki Miller, Vera Gingerich, Martha Yoder and Vernon Hilty.

This weekend quite a few Troyer relatives are here as a surprise for Mommy Troyer's upcoming 79th birthday. Those coming for the event were E. Ray Yoder, Mission Home, Va., Maithon Helmuths and Marvin Helmuths, S. Carolina, Mark Yoder, Culbert, Va., Calvin Troyer, Steve Kinsinger and Elmer Millers, Stuart Draft, Va., Will Millers, Harrisonburg, Va. and Levi Kramers, Amelia, Va.

Other visitors were Luis Swartzentrubers, Naomi Schrock, Eldon Swartzentruber and Merlin Swartzentrubers. John Henry Hershberger was here also. He attended school in Virginia Beach with different ones of the Troyers years ago.

Mary Jane Schwartz attended the funeral of Pete Yoder last week in Grantsville, Md. She left Sunday eve. and returned home on Wed.

Mary Shetler spent last weekend in Ohio. She had gone to pick up a car, but then it still wasn't ready so she brought her brother Dan's car back. She plans to meet him somewhere today and get her car. Her sister, Mrs. Ken Mast and daughter came back with her for the week.

Dorcas and Mary Shetler were in Lancaster, Pa. this weekend with plans to take in the Beiler-Schultz wedding.

Norman Byler, Ohio, is in the area presently. I understand he will be here until Paul Miller's wedding in March.

Paul Schwartz

FREE UNION, VA

Faith Mission Home

Feb. 27--Myma Lapp traveled to Haiti for a week. Gid & Rose Stoltzfus and Leon & Ruth Lapp took her home to Pa. to catch her flight. Other Pa. visitors included Regina's parents, the Andy Beachys; Curtis Stoltzfus; and Aaron Peachey who brought Arlene Peachey, Regina Byler, Mary Stoltzfus and Eleanor Brubaker.

Feb. 19 we had a meeting here for Mennonites with bakeries. They came from Va., W.Va. and Pa.

Karen Miller's mother Rebecca spent most of last week here with her. She came with Miriam Joy Miller and returned with Matthew Lapp, Elizabeth Miller, Rhonda Gatlin and Mary Ellen Yoder, who brought Miriam Miller back from Ohio after her leave.

Raymond Peachey and former-staff Sally King, Pa., have announced their engagement.

Sat. the children enjoyed a treasure hunt for their quarterly special group day.

We now have 10 child care groups. At one point we had so few children that we had only 6 groups.

Camp week dates are set for April 28-May 4. We already have plenty of volunteers.

Sun. the Noah Schwartzes and Lloyd Troyers, Farmville, were here. Bro. Lloyd preached for us.

Linda Rose Miller

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 27--Winter has caught up with us, with temperatures of 10 to 30 degrees. There is still some flu around. Savilla and Sarah Keim both had a siege of colds and coughs but are much better.

About ten of our people were to Powhatan prison on Sunday to conduct services including Wayne and Edna Shrock.

Enos and Nora Schrock are expected back from Belize on Friday, March 2nd.

Henry Brennemanns worshipped with the Farmville Church on Sunday the 25th. Amanda and Viola Yoder worshipped at Mission Home.

It was interesting to me to read about the Sikeston, Mo. settlement, as I had visited this place as a youth, having traveled to Stuttgart, Ark. and visiting at Mannas Bontragers' and Dan B. Mose Schrock, who later lived here at Aroda but lived at Sikeston at the time.

Noah Keim

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Feb. 26--A couple of weeks ago I was laughing about becoming 75 years old and then having to use a cane and that is just what I am doing these days! My family had a birthday party for me on Thursday. We had a cake with 75 candles. The grandchildren had a lot of fun lighting the candles and then helping me to blow them out. I think that I ate too many sweets so my arthritis has acted up and it makes it more difficult for me to walk and I am experiencing much pain in my legs.

The temperature was 18 degrees this morning and 27 degrees tonight. After our balmy spring-like weather this is a real change. I am hoping that the peas will not be hurt by all of the cold weather. They still look o.k. from the living room window and are now 3-4 inches tall.

Son Johnny, from Minerva, Ohio will be preaching in Burbon, Indiana from March 5-11. I am sure he would like to see some of our relatives while he is there. I think Irvin Miller is the minister where Johnny is preaching.

Today Sam came home from work early. He lifted a heavy crate of milk and now is experiencing pain in his right side. I am wondering if maybe he has reinjured a rupture that he had repaired as an infant.

The Alva Yoder family welcome a new baby boy, Vincent Alva, to their family.

Donnie Brenneman, one of our preachers, will be holding meetings at Penn Valley Retreat soon. Linda Zook, Marcus Kauffman, Rosemary Kauffman and Lois Kauffman from this area are planning to attend. Mrs. John H. Miller

LOYAL, WISCONSIN

March 2--March is coming in like a lamb. Temperature was in high 40s yest. and in the 30s this morning. Bare spots are showing in the fields again.

Sam Hershbergers left for Oh. last week and are expected back tomorrow (Sat.).

Enos D. Swartzentrubers with 2 children and Crist N. Swartzentruber stopped 2 days on their way home from Oh. They left for home yest.

We expect 5 families to move in this area next week. Maybe, that will help create more news for *The Budget* as I have the same problem that a N.Y. scribe mentioned in *The Budget*, no news to write.

Em. Miller

ATHENS, WISCONSIN

March 1--Its been colder again. Jan. and Feb. were mild months. Maple syrup gatherers are getting ready to go.

We had an enjoyable weekend Feb. 15-18 with the Mine Centre, Ont. cong. sharing in a school meeting all day Fri.

and Sat. morning. We spent our nights with Adin Gingrichs. Lamar Brubaker (Paul) went with us and had hernia surgery the following Mon. morning at Fort Frances Hosp. We came home that day. Adin Gingrichs' children brought Lamar home on Wed. on their way east to Numidia Bible School.

Last weekend David Lee Yoders took Andy and Birdie LeClair, Wanda Stauffer, Leah Martin and Rachel Martin to visit our Rhoda who is teaching at Pelkie, Mich.

John and Irene (Williams) Horst visited Allen Horsts' this past weekend. They are newlyweds from Pa.

Burdett Weirich plan to leave for Mo. March 3 to visit the Joe Weirich family.

Luke Martin Family

CASHTON, WISCONSIN

Vernon County

March 2--March came in like a lamb with very spring-like weather after the cold snap of near zero temperatures over the last weekend; very little snow cover.

Middle church services to be at Perry M. Hochstetlers' next. Middle South at Levi A. Millers' for Levi Jrs.

Births include a firstborn son to Freeman L. and Laura Miller named Levi. Grands are Levi W. Millers and Atlee A. Millers.

Enos (Levi A.) Miller, 21, entered Vernon Memorial Hospital last Friday with what at first was thought to be appendicitis, but found an abscess instead. Due to conflicting reports, I am unable to give the exact cause of his ailment, but he was a very sick boy. His brother Levi Jr. joined him at the same hospital Tuesday and had surgery for the removal of his appendix. They were both discharged Wednesday evening and recuperating at home. Levi is married to Sarah, dau. of the Aden L. Yoders. Address is Rt. 3, Cashton.

Adam S. Hershbergers left the first of the week for Fryburg, Pa. to attend a wedding.

John Henry Borntragers are leaving today by Amtrak for Anabel, Mo. His sister, the Joni J. Borntragers, Wilton, Wis. will be traveling with them. They will be spending their time with their mother, Mrs. John (Lydia) Borntrager.

Simon R. Gingerich and Jacob J. Miller, Orange Co., Indiana made a

short stopover in the area visiting friends, either enroute or going home from Riceville, Iowa.

Due to health, the Davy R. Coblenztes have scheduled a closing-out farm sale next Tuesday, March 6th. They will move a small house about 1/2 mile north of where they are living now and plan to do woodworking.

Monday, March 5th is loading out day for the Vernon E. Mulletts for their future home in the Granton, Wis. area. He is in the carriage business.

Perry B. Miller

SPENCER, WISCONSIN

Feb. 28--It has turned colder and several mornings the temp. was down to 10 below.

East dist. had church services Sun. Visitors were Albert Marners and Enos Bylers of West dist. West dist. S.S. and hymn singing was at William Millers'.

Mrs. Sylvia Chupp returned home from In. Tues. eve. She had gone with Andy Fehrs a week ago to help get ready for her mother, Mrs. Fannie Burkholder's sale, which is to be March 3. Later on this week she, along with other family members, plan to go to In. again to attend the sale.

Recent visitors with the John Coblenz family were Erma's sis. Edith and family, the Darrell Yoders of Mayfield, Ky. Titus Coblenz also came along to visit homefolks.

Today is the farm sale at Albert Marners' where they will sell all their cattle and machinery, with plans to move to S.C. in the near future.

Truman Yoder left for Costa Rica Mon. eve. He went on business concerning the farm they bought down there.

Enos and Rhoda Byler are on a trip to N.Y. They left Mon. and plan to be gone several days. Dwiln and Josiah are staying with Barbara and Elva Petersheim while their parents are gone.

Recently it has been discovered that another comet will be visible by mid-April. Comet Austin will be twice as bright as Halley was and will be the brightest comet since 1975. For all of you who missed seeing Halley, mark your calendars and set your alarm for early morn. It should be at its best just before dawn. To the naked eye it will appear as a dim, fuzzy ball and with the aid of a telescope or binoculars you should be able to see the tail of the comet.

Daniel Waglers

LOGANVILLE, WISCONSIN

Feb. 28--A beautiful sunny morning again with a 24° temp. Quite a contrast from the cold spell we had over last weekend. Got a good amount of snow on Sat. accompanied with high winds. Temp. dipped down to 12° below one morning. The snow is gradually disappearing again.

Church was held at Sam Millers' Sun. for Harry Bontragers with a very small attendance. There's been a lot of sickness around. Joe Millers and Vernon Schmuckers attended church in Amherst. Church to be at our place in 2 weeks.

Little Marlene arrived at the home of Marvin and Fern Kuhns Mon. morning, weighing 7 lbs. 2 ozs. This is their first child. Grandparents are Ivan Schmuckers and Melvin Kuhns, both of the Kingston area. Marvin's sis. is helping care for the newborn and the household duties.

Mrs. Roman Schlabach

PARDEEVILLE, WI

Feb. 27--We had some below zero over the weekend, but warmed up again by today. Last Fri. we got 2" snow by Sat. morning. The first robin was seen last week and tulips are peeping through.

Church was at Robert Millers' on Sun. Stranger attending was Edna Hertzler of Bonduel. At present she is helping out here at doddies' with the carpet making. She came Sun. night a week ago and plans to stay a couple of weeks or more. Rachel Bontrager of Bonduel also came along for a couple weeks stay.

Mommie feels some better after her visit to the doctor last Tues. The doctor took X-rays and said she has osteoporosis which means her bones get brittle and thin. With medicine and pain pills she can get by pretty good. At her age it's not much to do for it, but is a lack of calcium in her younger years. She is again able to be up and around more.

Mrs. Floyd Herschberger

WHITEHALL, WI

Feb. 28--Very nice weather again after a cold snap over the weekend. Temp. was down to 18 below Sun. morn.

Johnnys and Willie Hochstetlers and Lester J. Lambrights were to Anabel, Clark and Canton, Mo. and attended 2 weddings while there.

Bish. Jonas J. Grabers, 4 children, Jonas Jr., Alvin, Edna and Lavina, their son-in-law Amos E.S. Hiltys and 3 children of Geneva, Ind. were in the area the other week visiting folks, bros. and sisters and took along home 3 pieces of new furniture made at Alvin Schrock's furniture shop.

Our son Mervins and 3 sons of Clark, Mo. spent a week with us and left for home again via bus last Wed. They were to Greenwood 1 day while here to visit her bro. Levi Hochstetlers. We also got acquainted with a new 6-week-old grandson while they were here.

Daniel and Martha Lambricht are the parents of their firstborn, a son Merlin, born the 20th, weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. Grands are Pre. Perry A. Lambrights and Bish. Eddie Stutzmans.

Son Levi was involved in a chainsaw accident 2 weeks ago that cut 2 of his fingers and ground some bone out of one finger that was replaced and had to have stitches.

N. church was at the writer's and is to be at Pre. Perry A. Lambrights' March 4.
Moses J. Millers

HILLSBORO, WISCONSIN

Feb. 25--We've had some colder weather the last week with the thermometer dropping to 10 below over the weekend.

Edwin Lambrights had work a week ago for the Kouba Valley group. The women did some sewing.

Church was held at our place for Joe Hoch. with quite a few missing due to the flu. Sam Schwartzes and Kenneth Bontragers left for Ind. and Mich. for about a week. While they were gone some of their children got sick at home so our teacher Edith Schwartz stayed home all week to care for them, so our school had off all week. The Pleasant Valley School had off for a few days, too, due to sickness.

Last Sat. eve. we were pleasantly surprised when Bob Kurth and my father-in-law Dan Coblentz drove in. We all attended church in Blair on Sunday. Bob had an appt. at the Mayo Clinic on Mon. taking Dan along for company. On Mon. eve. they came back for the night, starting back on Tues. sometime.

Church to be at our place next.

Sam Chupp

ABBOTSFORD, WI

March 1--A beautiful, sunny day with the early morn. temp. at 20 degrees. Yesterday morn. it was 8 above and over the weekend it had gotten down to 8 below. We had winter weather again last week with snow and wind.

Services at Pine Grove on Sun. were conducted by Pre. Paul Wesley Oberholtzer, Dea. Raymond Burkholder and Pre. Raymond Zimmerman. Dea. Aaron Weaver also shared in testimony. The two Raymonds and their wives arrived in this area on Sat. afternoon from their homes in the Memphis, Mo. area. They had Sat. dinner at Aaron Weavers' and supper at Paul Oberholtzers', making a call at Paul Wesley Oberholtzers' in between.

Raymond Burkholders spent the night at his nephew's, Elmer Burkholders, and Raymond Zimmermans slept at her niece's, the Edwin Nolts. Edwins were visitors at church also. They live in the Withee area and are with the team church.

We had a quilting at Lloyd Martins' yesterday with proceeds going for the school. Most of the quilts we quilted this winter were from a native lady who restores antique quilts and gets the school to requilt them.

Our cemetery at Pine Grove has now been approved by the township and county board making everything legal. We had failed to have it surveyed and plotted by a certified surveyor and this caused some problems with the one land-joiner. Hopefully this will now resolve all bad feelings.

"Reputation is what men think we are, character is what God sees we are."

Marlin & Martha Martin

AMHERST, WISCONSIN

Feb. 27--Was cold again over the weekend, Sunday morn. 6 below zero. We still have a nice blanket of snow.

Sunday North church was held at Mose Beachys' with a full house. My wife was able to attend after missing 4 last times. Also some attending from both East and West dist. Strangers were Miss Mary Yoder from Mo. She was here working for her sister, the Levi Jr. Yoders; Raymond Schrock from Wadena, Minn. and Freeman D. Schmucker from Kingston, Wis. Church to be at Menno Mulletts' next.

S.E. dist. was held at Harvey Stutzmans' and to be there again next for William M. Schrock.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. (Levi) Mary Yoder of Ind. Funeral was Monday. Mose Beachys went for the funeral.

C.R. Borntrager

SHELDON, WI**Wayside Gospel Mission**

Feb. 28--Calvin Kauffman and Mark dug a grave for an area man that was 103. They dug through 3 feet of frost.

Todd and Kim Glenn and son Kendall, Nelsonville, Ohio were up to visit Kim's mother, April Malaszuk the 9th-19th.

Todds and April and girls were dinner guests of Mark Goods the 18th. John Jenser, April's bro., was along also. He's thinking of locating in the Thorp area.

Another great-grandchild for Jason and Celesta Martin. Angela Fay, 8 lb. 6 oz., was born the 20th to Wayne and Luann (Byers) Moser of New York.

Quentin Stoll (Ed & Ruby) had his 7th birthday the 27th. Ruby and Rose Miller took a dinner for the schoolchildren that day.

Anita Byers found out that she has kidney stones. She has an appointment with the urologist March 1st.

Grandpa Andrew Kauffmans are back in Florida after a week's stay in Guatemala. They were planning a month's stay with his bro. Harold, but Grandpa's health didn't allow it. He couldn't breathe right and was filling up with fluid.

Prayer meeting will be at Arlie Kauffmans' this evening.

Delno Byers were here to visit his sister Arlie Kauffmans and mother, Jason and Celesta Martin the 15-19th. Delnos were taking their daughter Joan to Ind.

Our schoolteacher, Mrs. Herb Graber has consented to teach another year. We are quite pleased about that.

Ray Martins are to be home in a couple of weeks. They have spent the last 2 mo. in Pa. caring for her father, Noah Zimmerman.

Friday evening, March 2nd our 2 congregations, Sheldon and Wayside, are having a supper at the school. The young couples are making the supper and then serving the older couples.

The young folks were to Arlie Kauffmans' last evening for fun and eats.

Mrs. Mark Good

AUGUSTA, WISCONSIN

Feb. 25--We got a little snow Fri. We had a surprise this morn. with 18 below zero, but it thawed a little on south side of the buildings.

We had an unusual experience at our house today. The children and I went to church and Dad stayed at home. He has the shingles bad enough on inside to make him sick and quite miserable, but is up and around more the last 2 days then he had been the middle of the week. Yesterday he watched the icicles grow on south side of our bedroom. Finally he opened the window and got 1 in to measure it and measured 55 in. and they were just around a foot long yesterday morn.

Some accompanied the elderly Levi and Eli J. Borntrager to Ind. to attend the funeral of their last sister (Mrs. Mary Yoder).

My sister Saloma went to see how her dau., Mrs. Andy Yoder, is getting along with the measles Fri. and dropped off my husband's Uncle Felty to visit here. Some might wonder why my sister brought his uncle here, but that happened for the simple reason that they are married.

Neal, son of Jake E. Gingerichs (is a bleeder) had a short hospital stay with internal bleeding after hurting his leg. He is now spitting blood.

Mrs. Lester Detweiler of Evansville, Wi. spent a few days with her aged father, Levi J. Borntrager.

The chicken pox are making a slow progress going around. Measles are still brooding in a few homes.

Have you ever heard of kids sucking a cow? Our little triplets were caught doing it and they take so much of the nanny's milk we have a time to sneak a little for our use.

We'll have church at our house on March 11.

William (Sam) Miller and Lydia (Sam) Burkholder are published to be married March 8th.

Viola Stutzman is visiting around here. Mrs. Roman A. Borntrager

CHILI, WISCONSIN

Feb. 27--Weather is kind of mild again after the cold spell we had over the weekend with the temp. at zero Sun. morn. Got a good layer of snow again over the weekend.

West dist. church services Sun. were held at Felty H. Millers' for Dannie W. B.s. East dist. is to be at our house on March 4th.

The Elmer D. Miller family plans to leave for Canton, Mn. this morn. to spend a few days with friends and

relatives there. They plan on returning home sometime tomorrow night.

Dan E. Stutzmans, David Perry Borntragers and Adin Stutzmans attended the Stutzman-Gingerich wedding in Utica, Mn. on Feb. 22nd. Adins stayed in Utica for the weekend and are expected home today.

The van that was to Canton and Clark, Mo. for the Yoder-Hochstetler and the Borntrager-Gingerich weddings, returned home Sat. night. Mahlon N. B.s and daus. Edith & Clara stayed in Mo. E.B.B.

GRANTON, WISCONSIN

Feb. 26--A nice sunny day. Temp. was down to 8 below zero Sun. morn.

West gma was held at Felty H. Millers' yest. Dannie W. Borntrager furnished dinner and supper. Singing was also at Felty's last night. Gma bestelt at Andy Schwartzes' for Levi H. Yoders in 2 weeks.

Writing doesn't go too good lying here in bed since Fri. noon with a hard dose of flu. Dau. Emma also is in bed with flu since last night.

Cousin Viola P. Stutzman from Wilton went over to Augusta Thurs. forenoon.

Dad & Mom, Uncle David Perry Borntrager, cousin Adin Stutzman & family & Reuben E. Stutzman (Emery) were to Utica, Mn. to attend the Stutzman-Gingerich wedding. Adins stayed over Sun.

Eddie Stutzmans and Andy Hershberger went to Edgewood, Iowa Wed. at 6:00 to help unload truck for Jonas Hershberger and came home Thurs. morn. Sister Ida and cousin Viola chored at Eddie's. The Stutzmans

CURTISS, WISCONSIN

Feb. 27--The temperature dropped to 24 below Sunday morning, but is warmer again since.

Glen Yoders, Mrs. Lovina Hochstetler and dau. Edna were to Canton, Missouri last week to attend the wedding of a niece.

South church was held at Chester Gingerichs' on Sunday. Christ T. Borntragers furnished dinner. Toby T. Borntragers from Amherst also attended there.

William and Cora Miller are moving to Tomah this week. They took a truck load down there today. Wed. morning they want to leave with their livestock. Jerry Stutzman will go along to pick up some new sap pans in Cashton at the Mullet Metal Shop.

Mrs. Jerry Stutzman

AUGUSTA, WISCONSIN

Wilson Menn. Cong.

Feb. 27--Bro. Virgil Schrock and wife Erma with the 2 youngest children motored to Mine Centre, Ontario for a school meeting held Feb. 16 (Fri.) and Sat. morn. Virgil was one of the speakers. The rest of the family stayed with Grandpa Schrocks (Cliffords).

The young folks gathered here on the eve. of the 15th to fix a "goodie box" for the ones missing from our group who are attending Messiah Bible School. They are Norma Byers, Lynette Witmer and Wilmer Rohrer's family.

One of the 4-month-old Schunk twins spent a week in the hospital with double pneumonia. There were some anxious moments and much praying in her behalf. The doctor said she was an "eyelash from death"; but God healed her. The little twin girls are together again, but because of losing weight the one is smaller. Glenda Kauffman has been helping out in the home.

Andy & Birdie LeCleur went with David Lee Yoders from Athens to Baraga, Michigan for the weekend.

Eugene Schrocks were to Shiloh for the evening service where he led the nonresistance discussion.

Eli Weirichs and Clifford Schrocks also attended.

Expected home this eve. are the Wilmer Rohrer family and Lynette Witmer who were at Carbon Hill, Ohio the last 3 weeks. Norma Byers stayed on for another term.

Visitors in the schoolrooms last week were Kimberly & Kendra Horst and Leah Martin from Athens. Kim taught school here two years in the past and now she and Leah are the current teachers at Athens. School was closed for them that day to allow them to visit the Unity School and here.

Arthur Kauffmans

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

Feb. 28--Our warm weather suddenly disappeared on Sat. with wind and snowflurries. The windchill factor Sun. was 5° above zero. Temp. Mon. a.m. was 9°.

Marvin and Fern Hertzler were to Greenwood, Dela. last Wed. for the funeral of Marvin's 99-yr.-old aunt, Mary Hertzler. Coming home they visited cousin Grace Wenger at Chesapeake.

On Thurs. Vernon and Phyllis Mast took John J. Millers to Fred Zimmermans' in Dela. where they will be staying indefinitely. They would enjoy mail at Route 2, Box 646, Clayton, Dela. 19938.

Darryl Masts were weekend guests of her parents, John Weavers at Lebanon, Pa.

Miriam and Marie Mast spent the weekend in N.J. and Pa.

Daniel Hooleys and Danny and Jewel Martin were with Nelson Doutrichs at Myerstown, Pa., for the weekend.

Sherman and Douglas Yoder (Mex.), Herbert and Robert Shank, Charles, Andrew and Leon Mast, Howard and David Hooley and Carl Miller slept in the cabin in the woods Fri. night. The same evening Marilyn, Brenda and Karen Yoder (Mex.), Glenda, Beverly, Audrey, Dorothy and Nancy Mast, Margaret and Miriam Hooley, Rosetta Bear, Jennifer Hertzler and Michelle Weaver were together for supper at Marvin Masts'. The next day was Marilyn's 17th and Beverly's 16th birthday.

Harvey Mast, Levi Kramer, Jerry Yoder and Vernon Mast were with the Pantego, N.C. cong. over the weekend for their pre-ordination services and nominations for the work in Mex. The joint ordination service is scheduled for this Sun., March 4 here at our church.

Raymond Bears and Nelson Swartzentrubers were to Rutherfordton, N.C. for the weekend. Alfred Bear and his cousin Carolyn Birky of Ore. went to N.C. from Messiah Bible School to join Raymonds. Carolyn is spending the week here at Bears'.

Eldon Hooley and LaMar and Lisa Bear went to Hagerstown, Md. Sat. where Lisa caught a ride to Carbon Hill, Oh. for 4th term of Bible school with the Salisbury, Md. car load. The boys went on to Wellsboro, Pa. to deliver Kenneth Hooley's van that was purchased by someone there, and to bring a pickup back that Eldon bought.

Delvin, Brenda, Lois, Grace and Cheryl Mast, June and Doris Yoder and Katherine Hertzler came home from Carbon Hill, Oh. on Sat. Our girls drove Mahlon Mast's (Wisc.) car home, as cousin Melvin Mast bought it.

Sun. dinner guests here were Nathan Masts and Grace and Cheryl Mast of Mex. and Rebekah, Delbert, Melvin and Timothy Masts and David Yoder. Dau. Lois went to Harrisonburg Sun. p.m. to get back to her schoolroom. Our Dorothy went with her, taking her school-

books along. LeRoy Lehmans plan to head that way tomorrow and will bring Dorothy back.

Rebekah Mast hosted a "cousin supper" Mon. evening in honor of Grace and Cheryl Mast and Nathan Masts of Mex. Attending were Daniel Hooleys, Mervin Hooleys, Eldon, Howard, Margaret and Miriam Hooley and Delbert, Melvin, Brenda, Charles, Audrey, Andrew, Delvin, Marcus and Beverly Mast.

Rebekah, Grace and Cheryl were to Richmond yest. For lunch they met their cousin Carmen Schrock-Hurst, her husband Luke and 19-mo.-old Grace Anna. The 3 girls and Nathan Masts had supper last evening at Marvin Masts'.

Noah Weaver has been laid up for over a week with fever, strep throat, and sores all over his tongue. There has been lots of flu, but not always strep, for the past 3 mos.

Leslie Meltons should be getting home this weekend from a 2 week trip to Fla. Silas and Martha Martin got back yest. from their one week trip to Fla.

We received word that Mahlon Masts got to the Guatemalan border at 11 a.m. Sat. and were ready to leave at 2 p.m., getting to the mission house at 9 p.m. Lawrence and Arlene Fox, who traveled with them in the bus, are to fly home today.

Mrs. James E. Mast

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

Feb. 26--Winter has come back with 10 degree weather.

Visitors in Pilgrim Church yesterday were Glenn Nisslys from Mich., bringing the recent widowed Mrs. Galen Borntrager and her 3 children along to visit her sister Iva (Mrs. John Schrock). Mrs. Borntrager is from Indiana.

Born to Trent & Marie Showalter, a daughter named Ida Fern Feb. 22. She has one sister.

The date for Adam Miller's auction is March 24, having mostly machinery and tools.

Barbara Hershberger and son Wendell, are spending 3 weeks in Roanoke, Va. for speech therapy.

Floyd, son of Irvin Millers, is getting married to Luella Hostetler, March 3rd. Wedding at Lott, Texas. All of Floyd's brothers and sisters from here are planning to attend, also a car load of young folks. Mose Nissleys from Shreve, Ohio, are taking care of Allen Millers' children (their grandchildren), while Allens attend the above wedding.

Mrs. Alvin Schrock's sisters from Rustburg, Va. came to surprise her on her birthday.

On Fri. eve., an anniversary celebration took place at Mt. Zion School House for Paul & Barbara Hershberger's 25th.

Mrs. Edwin Summy is going to Charlottesville every day for 5 weeks for treatments, a distance of 30 miles across the mountains. Sisters in church have volunteered to provide transportation.

Amos Zook is in the hospital for tests and observation.

I am writing for our regular Budget scribe, John Summy. They are on a trip to Pa. at present.

Elmer & Ida Schrock went to Belvidere, Tn. yesterday p.m. after receiving word that their grandson Mark Anthony was low. He was born to Ruth & Mark Miller, weighing only 1 1/2 lbs. He passed away yesterday eve. Mark and Ruth had lived here formerly.

Mrs. Sam Yoder

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

Feb. 21--We woke up to 26° this morning. Last year around this time we had our first big snow; 1 foot at some places.

Dennis and Sharon Stauffer and children Dennis, Danice and Sheldon came from Denver, Pa. to spend a week with Jacob and Rosa Lehman, while Dennis went to a school to get his airplane mechanic license. The school was held at a Holiday Inn in Chesapeake, Va.

The Dennis Stauffer children sang for Grandma Mercer last week. She seemed to enjoy it very much.

Mark and Dorothy Lehman visited the Paul and Sharon (Kephart) Gaudy family in Manteo, N.C. Sharon and her sister Linda Kephart take care of children in their home, who are too young to go to preschool.

James and Viola Dickerson spent last weekend at Harrisonburg, Va. with their daughter and husband Ed and Dianna Lehman.

Paul and Christopher Lehman spent the weekend in Farmville, Va. with his parents and his sister from Philadelphia.

Sat. was the funeral of Raymond Cain. His wife, Ida (Keim) Cain, remains with their daughter Norma Brown.

Margaret Miller, Norfolk, Va., a long time friend of Rosa Lehman, passed away with cancer. Her funeral was Feb. 16. She was living by herself since her husband died, till she had to go to the hospital for surgery. After leaving the hospital she had to have nursing care around the clock at home. Amanda Beiler was also one of Margaret's special friends, and for 3 weeks she stayed with her a few hours at nights, to relieve the nurses. Amanda was by her bedside when she passed away. They never had any children.

Roger Beilers, Onancock, Va. spent a few days in Chesapeake, when Roger went skiing with the young folks to West Va.

Other visitors in church Sun. was Timothy Slabaugh, Del., Tommy Tena-foss, also Sam and Beverly (Buckwalter) Scaggs and family, bringing with them Ephraim Ndife from Nigeria, he brought the morning message.

Fred and Sarah Yoder

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DAYTON, VIRGINIA

Feb. 26--Sat. we had a snow blizzard, not much snow. Temp. 6 this morning.

Dandelion is ready to eat, but too cold to gather it today. Tulips and early flowers look sick.

Min. Charles and Doris Heatwole are leaving on a tour to Europe on March 3 for 2 weeks.

Anita and Laura Rhodes were received into church yesterday.

We now have 3 families of Ukrainians coming to church. The first family came in early summer. The families are all kin.

Mabel and Michael Horning of Pa. stopped here. I am real sorry I missed them.

Also missed Esther Riehls and Clara Lahman of Ohio.

Glenn and Diane Martin and Julie brought Phares and Selma Eshleman of Myerstown, Pa. here for call on Sat. They are Diane's parents.

Howard Knicely was released from Charlottesville Hospital on Friday, Feb. 16 after having strong chemotherapy treatments. Must go back for checkups.

Reba Cyzick came home from R.M. Hospital where she spent a week. Had staph infection in her injured ankle.

James and Ramona Hartman are happy parents of their 2nd daughter, Elaine Rebecca, on Feb. 24th. They have 1 son. Grandparents are Byard and Nell Knicely and Howard and Arlene Hartman.

Dwight and Louise Rohrer and their son Jerry and Mary Rohrer and sons Billy and Jason left Feb. 21 to spend 2 weeks with Linden Rohrer family in Puerto Rico.

James Knicely is doing well since he is at home with the family. So far can only move his head.

Nelson Shank is improving and walked some in the yard. Frances Beery is better now than she has been for awhile.

Henry Burkholder was released from a Richmond hospital after heart surgery.

Clifford Rohrer came home from N.Y. over weekend and left this morning for Ohio on his job for 2 weeks.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

Feb. 25--On Fri. eve. we had the youth at our home. Those that came were Sharon Elizabeth and Martin Laymans, Veronica, Lucy and Carl Hertzler, Marilyn Weaver, Alma and Ben Schrock, the Spencers, Phil Slabaughs and children and our 2, Sharon and Jason Yoder.

Also on Thurs. they admitted Gaylen Good to the hospital with a bad ear infection and a start of pneumonia. They got to bring him home on Sat. eve.

Dan Goods plan to move close to the church by Thurs. eve. (March 1). They lived 10 miles out of Cumberland towards Richmond.

On Wed. the Phil Slabaugh family left for Sarasota, Fla. They will be accompanied by Martin Layman.

Mary Jane Yoder

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

Feb. 23--Still warm, but forecast is for colder. We seem to be having April showers.

Amos Schrock's, Melvin Millers and Irvin Swareys were at Stuarts Draft last Saturday for the large funeral of Adam Miller.

Born to Steve and Joan (Martin) Yoder Feb. 18, a son named Ben Eli, missing by 3 days the birthday of the great-grandfather, Ben, that he was named after. Has a grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather and great-uncle named Eli, so he has been well named.

Paul and Carol Schrock's 5th child and 2nd son arrived Feb. 20 and has been named Dennis Leland. Both the husky little lads weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

Calvin Yoder arrived home safely Tues. from Costa Rica where he attended the wedding of Lois Yoder and Joseph Peachy from Honduras.

Ernest and Lovina Yoder

FREE UNION, VA**Falth Mission Home**

March 6--Those who went to Md. and Pa. for the program report an enjoyable and worthwhile weekend. They were at Chestertown, Melita, Hope Mennonite, Pequea and Summit View. The services were generally well attended.

We welcome back Gary and Jonathan Raber and Martha Zook, who had been at Calvary Bible School.

Nancy Taylor and a few others went to Nancy's father's funeral in Danville on Sat.

Karen Zook and Wilma Dueck have gone to Fla. for a two-week leave.

Most of the Abe Gingerich family went to Ohio to be with Amanda's mother, Mrs. Leroy Zook, who is suffering from cancer. The David Rabers moved to the Gingerich residence during

the trip to care for Nathan and Adamae.

Pa. visitors included Doris Horst's sister Joanne and family, the Titus Gehman Jr. family. Regina Beachy's visitors were Dana Atkinson and Sanford Allen and Judith Yoder; and Mabel's parents, Norman Kurtzes, who brought Valerie Trubilla and Martha Wenger.

Hartville, Ohio visitors were Orlin and Vera Coblentz, Andy J. and Clara Miller and Dan and Keturah Miller. Carl Miller's parents, the Vernon Millers and two children from Plain City were weekend visitors. Bro. Vernon preached for us on Sunday. The Andy Stutzmans, Mich., visited here briefly on Sat.

John Mark and Ruth Yoder announce the birth of a son on March 5, Joshua Mark.

The itinerary for our Ohio program trip March 15-19 is Thursday, McConelsville; Friday at Antrim; Saturday at Haven church, Plain City; Sunday at Pleasant View, Hartville; all in the evening. Sunday morning is scheduled for Fryburg in Holmes County.

Linda Rose Miller

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

Feb. 25--After having nice warm days this last week and some rainy days, it suddenly turned colder Sat. eve. and this morn. it was 20°.

A little boy was added to Alva Yoder's family Fri. eve. Vincent Alva, 9 lb. 9 oz. Meals will be taken in evenings by the sisters in the church, Susan's sister Martha is helping out a few days.

Mose and Anna Mast left Fri. eve. for Charleston, S.C. for a special meeting about his work, coming home this afternoon.

Fri. eve. the young folks sang for the widow of Jonas Miller and afterwards went to Paul Zook's for pizza and fellowship.

David Johnson has been away for over a week. He went to S.C. to be with Paul and Esther Overholt while they were here from Haiti and now I understand he also is going to Americus, Ga. where Lewis and Mary Ellen Overholt are in mission work.

March 1--Tues. eve. the men from the church were putting insulation up in Donnie Brenneman's new house. Alva Yoder Susan's sister, Martha, had to go back to work, so Rose Mary Kauffman is helping out.

Work for the carpenters has slowed down quite a bit at Va. Beach. Houses are very slow in selling. Two big contractors had to lay off some of their men.

Christopher Horsting, son of Mert and Betty Horsting, goes to a school for special children and Mon. they called the parents to get him as there's something wrong. So Betty went to pick him up and he really cried. They took him to the hospital and x-rayed his leg and it was broken about half-ways between the hip and knee. Now he has his leg in a cast and cannot move his leg until the bone mends. They are not sure what happened.

Sarah Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

March 5--Typical March weather, cool nights warming up to 50° in daytime.

Feb. brought much rain and the wells are in better shape again. Over the past several years many people have had to drill new wells.

Our seasons here on the east side of the Blue Ridge Mts. are a week or so ahead of the Shenandoah Valley. Their elevation is about 1400 ft. above sea level, while here in Madison Co. it is about the same as Lake Erie, at 560 ft.

A peculiar feature of the valley is that it slopes northward while here the rivers all run east.

Enos and Nora Schrock are home again after five weeks in Belize. Edna Shrock and 3 daus. have gone to Fla. on vacation. Wayne is busy laying brick with Owen Yoder.

Jonathan Lees are still in Ga. doing brick work. Harry Yoders are preparing to build a new house near our place and several others are looking forward to building homes in the future.

Many youth from other communities worshipped with us on Sun.

Noah Keim

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

March 7--Rebekah, Grace and Cheryl Mast were visiting relatives at Rutherfordton, N.C. on Thurs. and Friday.

LaMar Bear and his Or. cousin Carolyn Birky left for Carbon Hill, Oh. at midnight Fri., visiting Bible School that day. Lisa Bear, who is at B.S., and Carolyn spent the weekend with their Uncle George Bears at Sugarcreek, Ohio. LaMar spent the weekend with Marcus and Brian Bears in Wayne Co. and with his friend Nina Knepp who was visiting her uncle Ken Rhodes. LaMar came home Monday.

Nathan Masts of Mexico went to her bro. Ed Yoders' at Sudlersville, Md. on Fri., coming back Saturday.

Rita Mast came home from Wellsboro, Pa. on Friday after working there for around 9 months. Lois Martin traveled down with her.

Our weekend centered around the Sun. a.m. ordination for Mexico. It was decided to send an already ordained bro., plus ordaining another one, both to go for 2 yrs. once. There were 3 brethren in each group, so the lot was used. Sollie Beiler, Fred Mast and Dale Miller shared the first lot, with Bro. Fred being chosen. The second lot included Phil Beiler, Gary Miller and Steve Mast, with Bro. Steve being ordained. Fred is 42 yrs. His wife was Anna Weaver (local) and they have 4 children ages 8 to 19. Steve is 30 yrs. His wife was Phyllis Hoover of Myers-town, Pa. and they have twin boys age 15 months.

The church was packed with approx. 450 people attending. Ordained men present were John and Arthur Plett of Manitoba, Jerry Yoder of Mexico, William Schueler of Ky., Wm. Bear and Willie Knepp of Md., David Fisher and Eldon Swartzentruber of Pleasant Valley, Sam Hackman, and from Pantego, N.C. were Marion Miller, Sollie Beiler, Dale Miller and John Myers. Locally was Harvey, Vernon and Wayne Mast, Levi Kramer and Nelson Hoooley. Bro. Schueler had devotions and Bro. John Plett brought the ordination message. There was a fellowship meal at noon.

Since Bro. Sollie and Sis. Violetta Beiler were in Mexico at this time, Roy and Esta Mast, the Wayne Myers family, Timmy Beiler and Sollies drove up in the mission Suburban. They got a motel Wed. night in Miss., were at Rutherfordton, N.C. Thurs. night, and got here Friday night. They left for home at 1 p.m. Mon., planning another overnight stay at Rutherfordton.

Eight of Sollie's 9 children were here, coming from Fl., Va. Beach, Pantego, N.C. and Mexico. Tommy, who is in Belize for 2 yrs., was missing.

Jewel Martin went to N.C. Mon. with Fred Mast's girls, planning to come back this weekend.

Orpha's Uncle Joe and Aunt Pearl Beachy of Wayland, Ia. were Mon. supper and overnight guests of Wayne Masts.

Roy Mast's girls had airline tickets to fly to El Paso on Tues. (yest.) after being here for 6 wks. Grace went with the carload, and Esta (Mrs. Roy) and Cheryl flew. Martin and Melva Anne Zook (Esta's sis.) of Narvon, Pa. and their daughter Becky of Red Lake, Ont. also planned to fly to El Paso yest., with plans to meet there, get a motel, and go into Mexico today. Roys have lived in Mexico 9 yrs. and this will be Marvin's first time there. However, the Zooks got stranded in Denver yest. in a blizzard. They were hoping to get to El Paso today, but will need to go via Phoenix, Az. Melva A. and Esta called here last night within minutes of each other. Both are my sisters.

The Jerry Yoder family also left Mon. a.m. Mexico bound. They had stayed a week longer than planned to be here for the ordination. I think they planned to be with his family at Dublin, Ga. overnight Monday.

Mrs. James E. Mast

UNION, W.V.**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

March 5--Bill and Corene Gutjahr from Oh. visited their dau. Mrs. Mark Soukup and family recently.

The Shetlers came home from their Pa. trip Tue. (Feb. 27). The next evening Joni had a rather nasty spill when his ladder didn't cooperate. He was just coming up through the hayhole when his ladder slipped out from under him, resulting in several broken ribs and numerous bruises. He is recuperating faster than he had expected, but is still quite sore and probably won't be working for a couple weeks yet.

Uria Shetlers from Farmville, Va. spent the night at Joni Shetlers' last Thurs. night.

My sister Karen substituted for Becky Yoder in the schoolroom the last 4 days of last week as Becky was sick.

We enjoyed having my Uncle Dan Yoder and family from Stuarts Draft, Va. here for the weekend. Dan preached for us on Sun. morning.

Laurie Jones was home to Flemingsburg, Ky. for the same weekend. Esther Marie Zook accompanied her.

Daniel Beiler went with the Swartzes from Farmville, Va. to Bedford, Pa. last Fri. to help his uncle John Beiler get ready for their sale tomorrow. Today William Beiler and daus. Elizabeth and Barbara also went up for the sale.

Kevin Yoder

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

March 5--Our family just got back from a weekend trip. We made stops in Bedford, Pa., Grantsville, Md., and Swanton, Md. We stopped in at Stuarts Draft, Va. On our way picked up Daniel Beiler, Gap Mills, W. Va. He was going up to help John Beiler Jrs. get ready for their sale.

Tues. two weeks ago the youth had a nut-picking as our last gathering before Michael Troyer left for a term of V.S. at Mt. View Nursing Home in Aroda, Va.

Fri. of the same week we as a youth group were privileged to have Frank Menkin of Minerva, Ohio with us as guest speaker at our monthly youth meeting.

Rachel, Mary Ruth, and Bernice Shetler left that evening for the airport in Washington, D.C. to pick up Rhoda

Peachy and Amanda Reyes from Honduras. This weekend Mary Ruth and the latter two girls are on a trip to several communities in Pa.

Last Sunday Lloyd Troyers and Noah Schwartzes visited in Faith Mission Home.

Henry Brenneman, Aroda, Va., ministered to the home congregation in both the morning and evening services.

This weekend Lloyd Troyers are visiting in Fairview, Mo.

Paul A. Schwartz

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

March 8--Frosty nights and moderate daytime temp. is the style our weather has been. Early birds are getting their peas planted.

Visitors in church Feb. 25 was Mark and Janice Rineford and family from Stoughstown, Pa. and Devon and Rachel Eby from close to Shippensburg, Pa. Devons were visiting at her folks', Eddie Slabaughs', when they got the word that the truck available to move their household things wanted to leave Tuesday morning. Devons left for home Sunday afternoon, taking her mother and sister Sara along to help them in getting ready to move. They moved to the Lake Lure, North Carolina area.

March 4th quite a few of our church group were missing to attend the ordination at Amelia, Va. for the work in Mexico. Daniel Fishers were up to Pa. over the weekend to take in the ordination where her uncle Paul Weaver was in the lot.

Visitors at church Sunday were Clyde and Addie Beidler and two children from Snyder Co., Pa. and he preached for us. Also 3 of David Witmer's young people and Nathaniel Millers from Missouri. They handed out wedding invitations to several at church for the upcoming wedding April 14 of Nathaniel Miller and Mary Ann Witmer, to be held at the Pike Church.

What we thought must have been

blasting turned out to have been a sonic boom from the SR-71 super sonic jet. It was a jet used for "super-sonic snooping" so called. And it has broken the record, setting a new transcontinental speed record. This black, dagger-shaped jet went from West coast to the East coast in 68 minutes, 17 seconds. This blackbird is donated to the Smithsonian Institution, which plans to display it at a Dulles Airport wing of the National Air and Space Museum. The plane set separate speed records of 2,153.24 m.p.h. between Los Angeles and Washington; 2,242.48 m.p.h. between St. Louis and Cincinnati; and 2,200.94 m.p.h. between Kansas City, Mo. and Washington. Even when we were thinking it was the sound of blasting, I remember thinking it sounded like the sonic booms we used to hear when I was a girl and we lived in Iowa.

Today it is 11 years since we moved here to Va. Amos & Carrie Strite

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

March 5--The Green Thumbs have been hit with spring fever and are busy getting their peas planted.

Elmer Schrock is scheduled to go to Belize for 2 weeks of meetings.

Dan Yoders were at Gap Mills, W.Va. on Sun.

I presume a number of friends and kin went to Texas to attend the wedding of Floyd, son of Irvin Millers. Mose Nissleys from Ohio came to take care of Allen Miller's children while they went to the wedding; they being their grandchildren. A reception is planned here for Floyds on March 20.

Visitors at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. were Russel Masts from Plain City, and Ina Troyer and Linda Nissley from the Mountain View Nursing Home, Aroda.

We spent several days last weekend with son LeRoy and family at Bedford, Pa. and also took in the Johnstown Flood Museum, which reminded you of terrible tragedy they went through when the 1889 flood claimed more than 2200 lives. They have put up a special monument in memory of the 777 bodies that were never found.

We had dinner one day with my sister Mary Yoder and also made a call at my older sister, the Menno J. Yoders, where we were shown his rock collection, which is gradually increasing in size as friends bring him rocks from around the world. The one he prizes a lot is the one he claims is off the moon.

A question that Menno would like to have answered, "Is the water still flowing from the rock that Moses struck?" Can anyone out there answer it?

The Noah Schwartz family from Farmville, made a rest stop here Fri. afternoon, enroute to Bedford, Pa. and Swanton, Md.

Dan Chupps are now settled in their new house.

Mrs. Alvin Yoder is recuperating from minor surgery. Amos Zook remains a patient at the Waynesboro Hospital, awaiting an ulcer operation, which is scheduled for Wed. He is still on I.V.

An apparent electrical short caused a fire at the Red Carpet Inn in Waynesboro early Tue. with damages estimated at \$1.3 million.

John and Barbara Beiler expected son William and two daus. from W.Va. today and want to accompany him to Bedford, Pa. to attend the farm sale of son John Beiler Jr. which will be tomorrow.

John Summy

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

March 13--We have welcomed Rhonda Beachy, Ind., to the staff. Her parents Joni and Mary Ellen came along and also a friend, Emma Helmuth.

Wednesday we had our first home ec. class in the home ec room, where we formerly had speech classes. The speech and C-School classes are both in the room where we formerly had only C-School. We have put a partition in.

Friday evening was a triple farewell for Cheryl Kuepfer, Ont., Wilma Miller, Ohio and Angie Cash, Stuarts Draft. Regina Beachy has moved to Sunflower Cottage to replace Cheryl. Ruth Smucker is teaching speech in Wilma's place. Elizabeth Skerry is on D-childcare instead of Angie. Visitors at the farewell were Cheryl's parents, Peter and Margaret, Curtis Stoltzfus, Pa.; and most of Wilma's family, her parents Roy R. and Mary, and also Ruth, Cindy, Wanda, Rita and Michael.

Tues. eve. the single staff planned a special evening for the married administration, providing money for them to go out to eat, meanwhile entertaining their children and serving supper. Though I had helped some with the plans, I was totally surprised that they had included me as a recipient, arranging for my sister Dorcas of Cattel to be my "escort" for the evening.

Ruth Yoder and newborn son Joshua are in the hospital. The baby was admitted because of jaundice. Sandra, Pine Grove, Pa. came to help Ruth with her extra work.

Jonathan Raber went to Pa. for a visit. Elva Yoder and Regina Kramer traveled to Kentucky for the weekend. Miriam "Joy" Miller went to Del. to spend time with her sister Mary Byler and family.

The Herb Van der Ven family, N. Carolina, was here this weekend. We enjoyed seeing them all, especially Valerie, a former resident.

Elvin Stoltzfus had Pa. visitors: his brother and sister-in-law Lester and Hannah and family, John Stoltzfuses, Paul Zooks and David Kauffmans. My sister Clara Schrock and son Joshua, Ohio, and aunt Elizabeth Wagler, Ks., were here on Monday.

Martha Zook's parents, Christ Zooks were here to visit her this weekend. Doris enjoyed a visit from Lamar Martin and his sister Rachel and husband, Stanley Seibel.

Linda Rose Miller

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

March 14--It was 82° on Sun. and 89° on Mon. and yest., breaking records. Children are going barefoot.

Larry Millers got word of a second grandchild on Wed., the 7th. Dennis Millers of Rutherfordton, N.C. welcomed their 2nd child, first son, 7 lbs. 4½ ozs., Delmar Ray.

Mrs. Jerrold Oakes and children of Cleear Spring, Md. had dinner and a 2-hour visit with Mrs. Timothy Mast last Wednesday while Jerrold delivered some machinery beyond Amelia.

Jonas and Mary Ann Mast took Lela Birky back to Crockett, Ky. on Thurs. Lela was seeing a dr. at Charlottesville during the 3 months she was here. Jonas was overnight at Lester Millers' and Mary Ann with Rachel and Miriam Zook. They came home Friday.

Nelson Doutrich of Myerstown, Pa. was here on business last week, having Thurs. supper at Silas Martins'.

Those going to Rutherfordton, N.C. for one or two days of a house building frolic for Rob and Teresa Hosking on Fri. and Sat. were: David Weavers, Timothy Masts, Joe Weavers, Nathan Masts, Keith, Merle, Delbert, Melvin, Delvin, Marcus, Leon and Andrew Mast, Joe Shank, Carl Miller, Raymond and Alfred Bear, Margaret Hooley, Jennifer Hertzler, James and I. Mrs. Larry Miller and Marlin went along to Dennis Millers' to see the new baby. Most of the group stayed for Sun. a.m. services. Jewel Martin rode home with one carload.

Timothy, Fred and LaVern Mast fell Sat. when a scaffold tipped forward. They were installing a bay window and pushing up. Timothy was hurt the worst, hitting hard on his right side, bending a brace and scraping his ribs. X-rays Sat. eve. didn't show any broken bones, but he has been real sore.

Nathan Masts went on to her parents' at Dublin, Ga. from N.C. and after spending some time there plan to head home to Mexico.

David Yoder was to Dublin, Ga. over the weekend for communion services and to meet his new bro. in the Sim Yoder home.

Rufus Beachys of Minot, N.D. and their married daughter Coleen, and son Sterling of Harrisonburg were visitors in church Sun. a.m. They had dinner at Wayne Masts', as Orpha is a niece of Rufus.

I visited uncle Jonas Hershberger at Cumberland yesterday. He is feeling better than he has for some time.

Mrs. James E. Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

March 12--After a week or so of cooler weather, the temp. is in the 70s and vegetation is showing signs of growth. It is too early to tell if fruit has been damaged.

The news from Haiti is that the ruler has been relieved of his office, so now they may be on the way to a democratic form of government.

Daniel Zook of Rustburg, Va., who spent two years in Guatemala, spoke to us Sun. night, March 11, on his experiences there. He will return to the work for at least another year. Ernest, Savilla and Naomi Lee will be coming home about the middle of April for vacation.

There were a number of visitors in the community over the weekend and Ora Nisleys and 2 daus., Dorothea and Darlene are here, with Oras staying till Thurs. Several families from the Summit View congregation in Lancaster Co. were here too visiting at the nursing home and church. David and Barbara and dau. Abigail of Fair Play, S.C. gave us a nice visit the 11th. Also Jennifer Davis, Amy Hochstetler and Shawenne McKay of Sioux Lookout, Ont. were in meeting and are guests of Wayne Schrock's.

Our dau. Edna Beiler and daus. Monica and Eugenia were with us about 2 days, from 7th to 9th. The girls are planning to go on a tour of Israel and other lands in April.

Two local men, Hicks by name, father and son, were killed recently when their car was hit broadside by a police cruiser going at a high rate of speed. The son was a local high school instructor.

Noah Keim

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

Mar. 14--This has been a lovely day with the temperature high at 83°.

The Ezra Troyer Jr. family were in our vicinity this past weekend. Ezra preached for us both Sunday morning and Sunday night. At noon we had a carry-in dinner at the church.

Our neighbor Billy White will be going into the hospital on March 15 for tests and possibly surgery. Another one of our neighbors, Mr. Martin is home from the hospital and has gone back to work. His wife is terminally ill with cancer.

Today I was able to walk unassisted by my cane! I do believe that this nice weather has something to do with being able to get around better.

Leon called from Lancaster to tell us that he had just returned from a skiing trip with the young adults from their church.

Mrs. John H. Miller

-STUARTS DRAFT, VA

March 12--The thoughts in general are on the doubtful side concerning the continuation of our mild weather, being in the upper 70s on Sun. March came in like a lamb, so it's possible to go out like a lion.

A queer sight met a lady's eyes as she was looking out of the window. Eli Miller was going to the mailbox to get the mail when he slipped and fell, breaking his leg. Part of his leg went rolling away from him. He went crawling towards the house carrying his leg and calling for Edna. He finally sat down on the lawn to rest and was reading the newspaper until Edna came to his aid. They were thankful it was only an artificial leg that came apart.

Mrs. Elmer (Ida) Schrock accompanied Edward Troyers to Belvidere, Tn. to stay with dau. Ruth, the Mark Millers, while Elmer is in Belize for a series of meetings.

Amos Zook didn't need the operation that had been planned. As they were pumping out his stomach it seemed to open up the outlet. So he was able to come home on Thur.

Bennie Bylers went to attend the A.M.A. meeting at Plain City. Tobe Yoders and Drusilla Yoder accompanied them to visit their only living bro.

Mrs. Lizzie Wagler from Hutchinson, Ks. had a chance to come east with a friend who wanted to visit in Harrisonburg, so she was a guest with Rufus and Fern Beachy and also wanted to visit some nieces and nephews in Catlett and Maryland before flying home.

David Raber presented the message at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. eve. His home is Mission Home.

John Summy

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

March 11--The weather is beautiful. Temp. is 80°.

Robin and Joan Hershberger, Crist and I were to Southampton this morning for our once a month Sun. school class.

Fri. evening David Johnson, Joe Miller, Crist and I were to St. Brides for a meeting.

Today we had a visitors in our services Ezra Troyers from Farmville, Va. and their family. Erza brought the message and there was a carry-in because of them and also Glen Kauffman's friend Vonita and her sis. Victoria King.

Kevin and Wanda Miller and Sanford Yoder came Fri. evening so the young folks had an engagement supper at the schoolhouse Fri. evening for Glen and Vonita. They left for home Sun. afternoon.

Sarah Mast

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

March 12--Lovely spring weather; temp. 80 degrees today and neighbors planted potatoes. The Carolina wren was checking his house today. Geese are laying.

John and Vernie Burkholder both not well. Family is going into help care for her.

Reba Cyzick attended church last two Sundays and helped one day at the meat house.

Our niece Lorna Rohrer (Gilbert) is at home again after being employed in Kansas for past 6 months. She is now helping at Mary Ellen Martin's greenhouse.

A Mrs. Wagler from Kansas that Lorna Rohrer lived with while out there, came along back with her to visit friends. She is a widow and her husband was a cousin to David Wagler, Budget scribe of Iowa. She will return home by plane.

Lloyd Wenger is recovering real good from his hip surgery. Claude Showalter is not quite so well again.

Lawrence Layman went to Missouri and brought a 40-acre farm with house. Plans to move his family back again to Missouri. They moved to Va. about 2 years ago. His wife and older children all have good jobs here. Due to bus strike, he has been stranded out there over 2 weeks.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

March 12--James Miller, Laban Kauffman and Regina Miller went to Ohio a few weeks ago to attend their grandmother's funeral.

Last weekend we had a group of former workers and other young men to work on our office addition. Those who helped were Wesley Yoder, Loren Wingard, Marcus Overholt from Ga.; Allen Helmuth, Kevin Yoder, Levi Yoder from Whiteville, Tenn.; Nelson Mast from Catlett, Va.; Paul Stoltzfus from Pa.; and Steve, Joel, Stephen Yoder and Martin Overholt from Aroda, Va. Malinda Byler and Lois Yoder of Whiteville, Tenn. also came and helped some in the kitchen.

Pete Miller's brother Joe was here several days last week to make the cabinets for the office addition.

Visitors here this weekend were Johnny Stoltzfus' family; Regina Zook and Marietta Schrock from Hartville, Ohio; & Mike Overholt and Wade Stoll from Abbeville, S.C.

Elva Jean Overholt and Julia and Jessica Miller went home to Ky. for the weekend. Julia's sister Regina and Elva Marie Yoder, who work at Faith Mission Home, went with them.

Hilda Zook extended her vacation, due to her father's illness.

Linda Nissley

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Princess Ann Area

March 5--The weather is nice and sunny but was real frosty this morning.

Donnie Brennemans, Linda Zook, Marcus and Lois Kauffman, left Fri. noon after a half-day of school and went to Pa. to Penn Valley retreat.

Rachel and Amanda Beiler left Fri. afternoon for Gladys, Va. for an ordination for the mission in Mex. Three were in the lot, Philip Beiler and Gary Miller from Pantego, N.C. and Steve Mast from Gladys. Steve was the chosen one. All these returned home Sun. evening.

Yost and Amelia Zook from Belleville, Pa. are here at son Leons' and will take care of the children while Leons and Victor Overholts go to Pa.

David Johnson is home again after being gone 2 weeks.

Vincent Alva, the newborn of Alva and Susan Yoder, made his first appearance in church Sun., being a little over a week old.

Lavern Millers went to S.C. for the funeral of Anna Miller, wife of Lavern's Uncle John, on Mon. afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Sarah Mast

Stuarts Draft, Va.

Adam A. Miller of Stuarts Draft, Va., son of the late Ammon D. and Lena Miller was born April 17, 1918, died Feb. 14, 1990, age 71 years, 9 months, 28 days.

He accepted Christ as his Saviour in his youth and was baptised upon his confession of faith in Christ. He was ordained to the office of deacon on May 8, 1960. He was a member of Pilgrim Christian Fellowship Church.

On Dec. 28, 1939 he was married to Anna Detweiler, dau. of Joe and Lydia Detweiler. To this union were born 7 sons, John, William, Rudy, Neil, Roman, Joe and David and 5 daus., Mrs. Crist (Irene) Zook, Mrs. Melvin (Malinda) Bontrager, Mrs. Harley (Lydia) Yoder, Mrs. Ivan (Lena) Swarey, and Mrs. Floyd (Martha) Bender.

Surviving in addition to his wife and children are 42 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 1 step-great-grandchild, 2 sisters, and 1 brother. Three sisters, 2 brothers and 1 grandchild preceded him in death.

Three years ago Dad had congestive heart failure and kidney failure. He had open heart surgery to replace a valve and was also on the kidney machine. After he recuperated from the surgery he was able to work some, he had good days and days that weren't so good. He was in and out of the hospital a number of times. He gradually became weaker and at the last wasn't able to do any physical labor but still drove to dialysis by himself. He developed pneumonia and pleurisy and was in the hospital at the time of his death.

Father Has Fallen Asleep

Father was tired and weary,
Weary with toil and with pain;
Put by his glasses and rocker,
He will not need them again.
Into heaven's mansions he's entered,
Never to sigh or to weep;
After long years of life's struggles,
Father has fallen asleep.

Near other loved ones we laid him,
Low in the church yard to lie;
And though our hearts are near broken,
Yet we would not question, "Why".
He does not rest 'neath the grasses,
Tho' o'er his dear grave they creep;
He has gone into the kingdom,
Father has fallen asleep.

Rest the tired feet now forever,
Dear wrinkled hands are so still;
Blast of the earth shall no longer,
Throw o'er our loved one a chill.
Angels through heaven will guide him,
Jesus will still bless and keep;
Not for the world would we wake him,
Father has fallen asleep.

Beautiful rest for the weary,
Well deserved rest for the true;
When our life's journey is ended,
We shall again be with you.
This helps to quiet our weeping,
Hark! Angel music so sweet!
He giveth to His beloved,
Beautiful, beautiful sleep.

-The Family

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

March 21--Our first day of spring brought us a beautiful wet snowfall, which was quite a change from our 89° weather a week earlier.

Mrs. Marvin Hertzler's nephew, Jon Brubakers and son from Edgar, Wi. were at Hertzlers' overnight on the 12th. An hour later Fern's sis. Carol and Bill Champion of Petoskey, Mi. arrived. Neither knew the other was coming. Bills were on their way home from Fl. and stayed until Thurs. a.m., going to Harrisburg from here, and then on to Pa.

Harvey and Sadie Mast were to Pantego, N.C. on Fri. for the funeral of Norman Martin (age 55), who died suddenly of a heart attack.

Those going to Carbon Hill, Ohio for the Fri. eve. Messiah Bible School program were: Raymond Bears, Silas Martins, Daniel Hooleys, Joe Weavers, Katherine Hertzler, Eldon and Howard Hooley, Delbert, Melvin, Delvin, Marcus, Charles, Leon, Brenda, Lisa and Beverly Mast, Carl Miller and Paul Weaver. They all came back Sat. except Joe Weavers, who spent the weekend with Philip Weavers at Carbon Hill. Lisa Bear and Keren Martin were at 4th term of B.S. and also came home.

Mary Ann and Carol Mast visited relatives at Rutherfordton, N.C. over the weekend.

Harvey Mast's 20th great-grandchild arrived Sun., the 18th at Farmington, N.M. to Nathan and Evelyn (Mast) Hege. Their first child, Lynnitae Rae, weighed 6 lb. 13½ oz. Grandparents are Harold Heges of Pa. and Roy Masts of Mexico.

David Yoder packed his belongings and headed home to Dublin, Ga., leaving Mon. and planning to stop at Rutherfordton, N.C.

Mrs. David Martin and Mrs. Eddie Slabaugh of Harrisonburg brought our Lois home on Thurs. and had lunch with me. Lois had been sick for awhile and it was decided that she should come home to recuperate. Berdella Swartzentruber substituted in the schoolroom for her. I took her back to H'burg yest. to resume her schoolteaching duties.

Mrs. James E. Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

March 19--A heavy rain on Sat., the 17th. Spring seems to be here. Farmers used to start planting corn about the 10th of April and plant till July 4th, but now they don't plant as early any more.

To David and Mary Ruth Kipps was born a son on March 18 named Walter Perry. They have two sons and a daughter now. Davids have a dairy of about 70 cows on his former grandfather's farm, still owned by the three Kipps heirs. Davids have recently moved into a new log home that they built across the road from the farm.

Sun. eve., the 18th, a quartet from Rustburg, Va. gave a program of song and testimony in our church. They were David Gingerich, John Zehr, Bruce Ramer, and Kelvin Good.

Elmer Miller Jr. and wife Lena have gone to Fla. to bring back Elmer Srs. They are expected back Wed., the 21st.

Our yearly Beachy Ministers Meeting is to be held at Weavertown Church, Lancaster, Pa., April 3 through 5.

Jonathan and Ontea Lee are back home after a two-month stay at Montezuma, Ga. where Jonathan did mason work. His parents, Ernest Lees, and sister Naomi, are expected to come from Guatemala by April 5 for a furlough in the states. They are members here and have served over a year now, and will probably serve another year.

John Nissleys have moved into their new home near Pratts. This is the seventh house our people have built near this village in the last 3 years or so.

It is tempting to sell a house for \$100,000 that only cost \$50,000 to build. People are moving in from the north and paying these prices because in northern Va. prices are even higher.

Noah Keim

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

March 19--36° yesterday morning felt a bit chilly since our 70° weather the last few weeks. This evening it is snowing.

Our visitors in church last Sun. were Naomi Schlabach, presently working at Mountain View Nursing Home, Aroda, Va., traveling with Jadon and Rachel Shetler from Pa.

Noah and Mary Jane Schwartz and their 5 youngest children were here over the weekend. They were looking for a place to rent.

Jesse and Naomi Shetler were to a wedding at Melita Fellowship, Pa. this weekend.

We are anticipating a series of Bible School this week, from last evening thru next Sun. evening. The subject is "Signs of the Times" with our home bishop, Bro. Joni Shetler, as our speaker.

Kevin Yoder

CHESAPEAKE, VA

March 15--Jonas & Sara Miller attended his mother's funeral in S.C. taking Alta Marie Krause along. His father John is doing real good again. John & Annie had both been here to attend his bro. Jonas Miller's funeral in Dec. 1989.

Sun. eve. a service was held in appreciation for Bro. Phil and Verna Mae Miller for the many years of service and ministry in our churches, with Charles Hostetter, guest speaker. A scrapbook was presented to them from the congregation.

Mrs. Lillian Gilbert, 72, passed away. Funeral was March 2nd. She had 6 daughters and 3 sons. She was step-mother to Sandy (Mrs. Robert Lehman).

Barbara Slabaugh is back in full swing, plans to have a small garden again. She is well pleased with both her knee surgeries. She had her 77th birthday March 12th. I had given an incorrect zip code. Her correct address is: 2601 No. 10 Lane, Chesapeake, Va. 23323.

Rachel Beiler (Sollys) took Amanda Beiler along up to Amelia, Va. for an ordination for mission work in Mexico and Solly was in the lot. Fred Mast was ordained. All of Solly & Violetta's family were present except Tommy, who is in Belize. Coming from Stuarts Draft, Va. for the occasion were John & Barbara, Amos & Anna B., Allan and Linda B., and Jessie and Mary Ellan Hershberger.

John Myers, N.C., have been taking care of Maude Hooks for a number of years and they also wanted to attend the ordination, so they brought Maude up to Deep Creek to stay with her dau. Nellie a few days.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

March 16--The past 4 days the temperature reached 80°. The rye fields are beginning to head out. March 15 we welcomed our first purple martin scout.

This past weekend our family was up to visit Marvin Strites at New Oxford, Pa. We went with them to church at Kralltown Sunday morning and then went with them and several others in a van load (18 all told in the load) up to Numidia Bible School to visit their daughter Barbara Strite.

This evening is a school inspiration meeting. John David Kurtz from Grace will be the speaker.

One of our schoolteachers, Lois Mast, has not been feeling well the last couple weeks. So Mary Ellen Slabaugh and Wilma Martin took her home to Amelia, Va. yesterday. Maybe mother's TLC and medication will do the trick. Berdella Swartzentruber is substituting in the schoolroom for her.

Tonight around 9 or 10 o'clock Lewis Strites from New York plan to stop in for the weekend. They, Lewis and Rhoda and Twila and Paul are, on their way home from the funeral of Norman Martin, which was today at Pantego, N.C.

Amos and Carrie Strite

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

March 17--David Johnson was missing in church today. He went to Pa. to visit his parents.

Some gardens were planted this week. The ground was just right to till and plant.

Son Moses wants to go to Pantego, N.C. to see the 10-year-old Stiener boy that was in a bad accident. A 4-wheeler went forward instead of backwards and pinched him between a truck and the 4-wheeler. His spleen being torn and had to have an emergency operation, but was doing real good, until they found out his one lung collapsed and the other one was filling up with fluid.

March 25--Parts of Va. had 6" of snow this morning.

When I was a young girl at home we had neighbors by the name of Noah Stutzmans and they moved to Can. and we lost track of them. Now through *The Budget* we found out that Noahs live at Scottsville, Ky. and his wife Mary passed away this winter and he is very lonesome. He is 83 years old and had a stroke since he's alone.

March 23--Christopher, son of Burt Harstings, is doing pretty good. His leg seems to be healing. He has not gone back to school yet. Sarah Mast

FREE UNION, VA**Faith Mission Home**

March 20--We welcome Sanford Yoder from Belleville, Pa. to our staff.

Some of the staff and children were in Ohio over the weekend giving programs. They gave programs in McConnellsville, Antrim, Plain City, Holmes Co., (Fryburg) and Hartville.

Ivan Peachey, Verna Yoder, Jessica Peachey, Esther Ruth Townsend, John Stoltzfus and Christ Beiler spent the weekend in Pa. Sharon and Elizabeth Miller went to Oh. for the weekend. Ruth Smucker spent a week in Ark. visiting at Hillcrest.

The Pa.'ers enjoyed some visitors from home: Jason and Rose Smoker, Viola Lapp, Vannie Gotshall, Linda Stoltzfus, John Smoker and Ruby Bontrager.

We were surprised by a visit from Marlene Sommers (former staff) who came with her bro. Eli Sommers from Ohio. Myma Lapp

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

March 19--Our unseasonable weather the past week with temperature in the upper 80s came to an end with temperature back in the 40s.

Crist and Rhoda Yoder of Grantsville, Md. were in the area to get acquainted with their new grandson Steven Edward, born to Ernie and Naomi Showalter. They spent 2 nights with us.

Trent Showalters spent several days, over the weekend at Catlett with her folks, Joe Benders, so the grandparents could get acquainted with their new addition.

Raymond Millers went to Ind. to visit their son Melvin and also might go through Tn.

John Beiler Jr. and family from Bedford, Pa. were here visiting homefolks yet before their intended move to N.Y. state. John shared a message at Mt. Zion on Sun.

Born to Marvin Chupps, a dau. Katrina Ruth, March 14, weighing 6 lbs. 6 ozs. but they had to transfer the baby from the Charlottesville hop. to a Washington hosp. because of an undeveloped left diaphragm.

Visitors at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. were J. Mark and Sarie Mast from Crossville, Tn. Also Perry and Linda Miller from Ky. who gave their kin a surprise when they dropped in. Perry is a bro. to Willis Miller.

Eli Yoders took Sarah Hershberger to Oh. to attend the funeral of her last aunt.

Fern Beachy is recuperating from the surgery she had on her ankle on Wed., when 3 joints were fused together, so she has to stay off her foot for a while.

Uriel Millers from Union Grove, N.C. made a stop at Menno Kinsingers' on their way to Pa. last week with a load of others. John Summy

ARODA, VIRGINIA**Mountain View Nursing Home**

March 22--We had a good many visitors over the weekend. Mary Zook from Pa. and Audrey Lapp, FMH, both former workers; and Carmen Hochstetler and Rachel Lapp both had visitors from home. Ruby Bontrager from Pa. visited with Ann Fisher. Martha Yoder's sister Joanna, the James Kauffmans from Pa. also visited over the weekend.

Linda Nissley's brother Dave from Pa. stopped by for a short visit on Wednesday.

Those who were away for the weekend were Marti Raber who went to her sister Linda's, the Dave Tices in Harrisburg, and James Miller and Anna Dietz were at his home in Ohio.

On Tues., Mar. 20, Elson Hochstetler, Paul Overholt, Pete Miller, Hilda Zook, Ina Troyer, Susan Yoder, Ann Fisher and Linda Nissley attended a nursing home meeting at Tel Hai Nursing Home in Pa.

The Pete Miller family is spending this weekend at home in Hartville, Ohio.

Linda Nissley

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

March 20--Our weather is cool. A big change from last week when the temperature soared in the upper 70's.

My neighbor, Billy White, is in the hospital for some tests.

Mr. & Mrs. Gaitley, an older couple who Janet had taken meals to for a year and a half are no longer able to stay in their own place. Mrs. Gaitley had to go to a home for the elderly and Mr. Gaitley was in an individual private home in Portsmouth. He seemed to be doing just fine and then Sunday evening while sitting in his rocker he had a heart attack and died. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery as he is a veteran.

On Thursday night my son Joe and his family along with Adonna Nissley will be here for supper. Adonna is a distant cousin of mine and is one of the pastors at Mt. Pleasant church in Chesapeake.

Mrs. John H. Miller

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

March 18--Visitor in church today was Ronald Jay Miller. He is a nephew of the writer. He is in the Navy at Norfolk, Va.

On Sat. eve. we went over to Appomattox, Va. to hear the Inspirations. They were very good.

Those going to S.C. from here were the Jonathan Yoder family and the Micheal Yoder family. Their sister was down from Canada (also her family). So they all got together down there.

We plan to go to Grantsville, Maryland to see my mother-in-law over Easter.

Mary Jane Yoder

CATLETT, VIRGINIA

March 21--We had been having real summer-like weather, up in the 90s until yest. morning when it was snowing and blowing.

It has been quite sometime since we have written for *The Budget*, but due to some of the happenings the last several months we just haven't felt like writing.

It was in Jan. just before my friend Wesley Poland and I, left for Haiti, that I spent a day with Dad in Pa. I am sure some of you had been wondering about his illness before his death.

In Sept. Dad and Lydia came down to be here for our son Nathan and Cindy's wedding and about 12 days or so later they were down again when our oldest son Mark's funeral was, who was killed in the Amtrak-fire truck accident. Dad seemed to be in pretty good health then, but it wasn't long after that he was in the hosp. for awhile. Around Christmas they took him in again. This time he had to have surgery for blockage and they found out he had cancer real bad. The doctor gave him only from 2 to 5 weeks to live. Dad lived 5 days over the 5 weeks that the doctor had said.

After his operation he was in bed most all the time but had hardly any pain at all except the last night before he passed away.

My sis. Barbara and her husband David Yoder of S.C. came up and helped to take care of Dad since Lydia isn't too well at times

We had funeral services in Pa. then again in Holmes Co., Oh. where he was buried beside mother who passed away almost 6 years ago. Dad would have been 80 years old in Aug.

On Feb. 10th most all the bros. and sisters came together to divide Dad and Mom things.

Robert Yoders and Simon Bylers are both building new houses at present. Roberts are building behind her parents, the Norman Bylers and Simons are building up at the old Paul Marsh farm.

Joel Barkman was off from work for about a week or so due to getting his finger cut on a power miter saw, which also required skin grafting, but is now back and doing quite well.

Robert Miller has been off from work for around 2 mos. or so, then last Wed. they operated on his back and was in the hosp. till Sun. and now is to stay in bed for around 3 weeks. He seems to be getting along quite well. He was hurt on his job at McMichael Service Center in Nokesville, Va.

Alvin W. Miller

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

Mar. 16--This week has brought us 80° days. Early peach and plum trees are in bloom and gardens are being planted.

I just returned from bringing son Jerry home from the hospital where he had surgery on his left elbow as an out-patient. Dr. wanted to do only one till he sees how it does.

Dave Gingerichs are the happy parents of a little lassie whom they've named Jewel Annette. She weighed 10 lbs. 3 ozs. Daves have been very busy adding on to their house making room for Rosalind's parents, Roy Ulrichs from Pa. who are hardly able to care for themselves. It's hard for Roy to get around. They have spent some time with the other children, but are settling in permanently at Dave's this weekend. Dave's 2 oldest children are Yolanda, 18, and Anthony, 15. Angela is probably 10 and Matthew, 2.

Last Sat., March 10 was the wedding of Paul Miller of Farmville and Janet Martin from here. Their witnesses were Sharon Martin and Calvin Yoder and Donna Martin and Paul Gingerich. Paul and Janet were on their way to Haiti for their wedding trip when word came of the unrest there, so they are spending their time sight-seeing in Florida.

Jimmy and Janie Martin left Wed. as scheduled to return to their duties in Haiti, but when they arrived in Miami their flight was canceled and they had to take another airline.

Visitors at Bethel Sunday were Ray Ulrich Jrs., Grandma Lucy Martin (Fannie's mother), David and Crystal Zook (Fannie's nieces), Mahlon and Minnie Miller (Paul's sister), also Janet's brothers, David Martins, Aroda, and Jimmy Martins, Haiti. Ken and Lucy (Martin) Algyers, Fla., spent the weekend with Harold Martins and attended services at Perrows Chapel.

Richard and Esther Bowman flew to Grenada Feb. 22, coming back the 27th to visit the mission workers there working under Olive Mission. The workers are Dave Brennemans, Randy Bridges and Dennis Hackman. Grenada is the southern most island of a string of islands southeast of Haiti and next to S.A. It's only 21 x 12 miles in size and very mountainous. They are English speaking people living in very small houses and

mostly quite poor, but not poverty stricken such as you find in Haiti and some Central American countries. Richards then attended a board meeting March 3 in Pa. of which he is a member.

Daniel Mast, small son of DeWayne and Linda Mast, broke his arm Tues. when he fell off their porch.

Ernest and son-in-law Milo Zehr attended the funeral of Uncle Noah Beachy in Grantsville, Md. Mar. 5.

The Schrock's had one last get-together Tues. night before Jimmys left on Wednesday. Monday the ladies spent the day at Stuarts Draft with their grandparents Amos Zooks and the men-folk went up for the evening.

Junior Sommers have closed a deal on some land next to John and Naaman Stoltzfuses'. Sam and Kathy Troyer have bought a nice brick home below Gladys by the Winston Dairy Farm. Sam is working nights at present as an airplane mechanic.

Our family was together the evening of March 8th to celebrate Ernest's 65th birthday. We have seen no signs of him retiring, except as he says, he's re-tired.

Ernest & Lovina Yoder

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ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

March 27—Paul Overholt spent the weekend in Pa. at the Penn Valley Retreat.

Carmen Hochstetler and Rosetta Fleuth went to Md. with a load of young from Abbeville, South Carolina for a wedding. They were all here on Sunday.

Staff who had family members visiting here were Ann Fisher, Larry Miller, Vicki Miller and Laban Kauffman.

Viola Yoder visited her sister in Delaware on Monday. Paul Overholt and Eldon Hochstetler attended a meeting in Wash., D.C. today.

Tonight is a farewell supper by the pond for Eta Miller, Martha Yoder and Laban Kauffman. Eta has worked here nearly 5 years and will be greatly missed. Anna Dietz is also leaving, but will be back for several weeks and wants her farewell later. A number of former staff are here for tonight's farewell.

Monday at lunch we had a very unusual kind of farewell, this one for a resident instead of a staff member. Ruth Morrison, who has been with us a little over 20 years, moved to a nursing home in Georgia. Her husband is getting up in age and wants to live with their daughter who lives in Georgia, so Ruth moved, too. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday many friends stopped by to see her before she left. She left Monday evening about 8:30 with her daughter. They traveled all night. Her daughter called this morning to report a safe arrival. Her new address is Oceanside Nursing Center, P.O. Box 870, Tybee Island, Georgia 31328.

Melody Yoder, Naomi Schlabach, Becky Miller and Connie Schrock have their state CNA test scheduled for Saturday of this week. Linda Nissley

Joe Miller presented the message at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. Visitors were Ude and Lena Miller from Paris, Mo. and Paul and Connie Seiler and family from Bechtold, Va. who are here visiting family connections for several days.

During Tue. morning's blizzard a mother-in-law, Brenda Duff, was being rushed to the hospital at 1:30 a.m. when the car slid on ice going up over a bank and hitting a tree. The baby made its appearance on the backseat of the wrecked car and was soon transferred by rescue squad to a warmer place, the Waynesboro Hospital, both being listed in satisfactory condition.

The heavy wet snow and drastic temp. changes were blamed for a rock slide on Afton Mountain, which closed the west-bound lanes of I-64 for several days. The slide demolished a car and caused \$25,000 damage to a tractor trailer rig.

Allen Zooker were also here over Sun. visiting his parents, Amos Zooker, and were present at the Mt. Zion services, which were transferred from the church house to the schoolhouse due to a faulty furnace. Mary Swamy accompanied her son Allen and family to Pa. to visit her bro.

Harmon Sneed, 79, of Squarts Draft, passed away Fri. at the Liberty House Nursing Home.

The reception of newlyweds Floyd and Luella Miller was held Tue. eve. at Pilgrim Fellowship.

A number of the Kinsinger and Hershtenger relatives went to attend the wedding on Thur. of Elsie Hershtenger and Marvin Beachy at Liberty, Ky. They were Menno and Herman Kinsingers, Mrs. Sarah Hershtenger, Ben Hershtengers and son Eric, Steven Kinsingers, Anna, Brenda and Michel, children of Paul Hershtengers, Amanda and son Mervin Glick, Junior Beachys and David Miller. Sarah Hershtenger went on to Mo. to be with her dau. Mary (the Vernon Toppers) until the wedding of her grandson next week, which Jesse Hershtengers plan to attend, giving Sarah a way to return home.

Raymond Chupps went to a wedding in Chestertown on Sat. Since his bro. Daniel and wife were also there they decided to spend Sun. with their bro. Marvin and wife, whose baby is slowly making progress in a Washington hospital, still being on a respirator. Monroe Chupps also went over to be with them.

There is a Ronald McDonald House nearby where they can stay. They are much cheaper than motels, as you are required to do the cleaning yourself, washing bed clothes and vacuuming, getting it ready for the next occupants.

John Summy

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

March 26—The first day of spring brought us a surprise, a layer of snow, as much as 6 inches in some parts of the valley.

On Sat., the day of Mrs. Adam Miller's sale, it snowed most of the day, so Ray Weaver auctioned off the items inside the barn. Of Annie's children that were here for the sale was Neal from Texas, Rudies from Norristown, Pa., Willis from Aroda, Floyd and Martha Bender from Cumberland, Md., Crist and Irene Zook from Del. and Joes from Mo.

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

March 27--We had 2 inches of snow last week and Sat. had 4 in. Most all gone now.

Simeon Heatwole brought the message yesterday.

Eight persons arrived on Fri. They were all at church. We now have 4 or 5 families attending. They are all Ukrainians. The church is finding them homes and helping them to get started and get jobs and taking them for English lessons twice a week. They are very nice refined people and industrious and appreciative of everything. The families are all related.

Robert and Dawn Mallow are parents of their first son on March 5. He is Jason Kile and has a sister. Byard and Nell Knicely are grandparents. Fred Rohrer Jr. and Elaine, his wife, have a second son since March 3. His name is John Daniel. He has 4 sisters. Grandparents are Fred and Anna Rohrer and Paul & Beulah Koogler.

Tonight is a meeting at church basement when Oren Heatwole will show slides of their trip to Russia, and also to welcome Charles and Doris Heatwole and Lori to our church.

Howard Knicely is able to do light work.

James Knicely had some trouble with tight chest. Oliver Kiser spent several days in R.M. Hospital to regulate blood sugar.

Vernie Magdalene Burkholder, 82, died March 16 at home. She was married to John S. Burkholder on Feb. 14, 1929. They were married 61 years.

She is survived by 7 daus., Sadie Rodes, Mt. Crawford; Wilda Rhodes, Beulah Koogler, Anna Burkholder, Mildred Knicely, Eunice Beery of Dayton; and Norma Koogler of Harrisonburg; 3 sons, Earl of Mt. Crawford; Vernon and Mark of Dayton; 3 sisters, Delphia Rhodes, Dayton; Della Bowman & Naomi Burkholder of Harrisonburg; 3 brothers, Herman Knicely, Mt. Crawford; Irvin Knicely of Dayton; Reuben Knicely of Harrisonburg; 41 grandchildren; and 52 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Pleasant View Old Order Church on March 19. Interment in church cemetery.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

March 28--Temp. is in the 20s mornings, with daytime highs in the 50s.

Norman Torkelsons of Duchess, Alberta have been with their daughter, Nelson Hooleys, for over a week, planning to fly home next week. Normans and Nelsons were to Rutherfordton, N.C. over last weekend.

Grace Ann's grandparents, Claude Millers, and parents, John Brubakers of Lancaster, Pa. were with Sam Weavers over the weekend. Five boys ages 10-12 were along; four were Grace Ann's Miller cousins, sons of Freds, Kens and Claude Jrs. The 5th boy was Stanley Heisey's son.

Denis Horsts of Columbiana, Oh. were Sat. eve. to Tues. a.m. guests of Raymond Bears. The Bears and Horsts had Sun. supper at Timothy Mast's. Also the above 3 ladies went thrift store shopping in Richmond on Monday.

Amos Beilers of Stuarts Draft were at Leslie Meltons' overnight Sat., going to Farmville for church Sunday a.m. They brought a big order of bulk food, from their store, to Marvin Masts.

Mervin Hooleys were guests of her parents for the weekend, Bill Sommers at Kensington, Ohio.

Martha Hertzler and Rachel and Ruth Mast of Rutherfordton, N.C. were here this weekend. Martha was at home, Rachel at Wayne Masts' and Ruth with some cousins.

Marvin Masts got a 16-month-old foster child (boy) on Friday. Harvey and Sadie Mast left yest. a.m., traveling towards Farmington, N.M., for the nationwide ministers' mtg. next week. From there they hope to go on to Mexico.

Mrs. James E. Mast

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

March 26--On Thursday night Adonia Nissley, a distant cousin of mine, who is now pastoring at Mt. Pleasant Mennonite Church in Chesapeake, and my son Joe Miller and family were here for supper.

My neighbor, Billy White, is to have more tests today. They will try to determine exactly what is causing the pain in his stomach. Also, this past week my sister-in-law Mary Miller had further tests and they diagnosed an enlarged heart with some fluid.

Pam Price is in the hospital in Philadelphia. She had a rib removed and some repair work done to soft tissue/muscles which were torn in her shoulder. She is in quite a bit of pain. Her mother is not well and her father had surgery on the same day in upstate N.Y. as she did in Pa.

Alvah Yoder and family went to Cumberland, Va. for the weekend.

Mrs. John H. Miller

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

March 27--We welcome Miriam Carr to the staff. All six of her siblings have worked here.

Former-staff Jane Yoder and son Brandon of Ohio visited her sister Ruth Byers and family. Ind. visitors were Laura, Bertha and Gloria Bontrager and Galen Nissley. From Ky. were Nathan Overholt's bro. Michael and mother Leora and Regina Kramer's sister Margaret. Joseph Nisly, Ks., also visited here.

Audrey Lapp, Nancy Kauffman and Jonathan Raber went to the Kauffman-Bender wedding in Pa. Because of illness, David Yoders didn't go. The William Peachys went to the retreat at Penn Valley Retreat. David Raber had meetings at Trinity Fellowship in Ill. last week. The Kenneth Kuhnse went up for the weekend, taking Amanda Raber along. The Kuhnse plan to stop in Ohio for a funeral on the way home.

Pennsylvania visitors the Merv Fishers (with his sister Ann from Mountain View); Sue Frye, Virginia Perrie, Rosalyn Yoder and Anna and Amelia Byler; Leon, Curvin and Lorraine Wenger, Nancy Burkholder, Marlene Weaver and Mark and Lamar Martin.

Hector Viera and Santos Godoy, Honduras, stopped in Mon. evening en route to Pa.

Mrs. Loving, a neighbor, is in a nursing home with cancer.

A big thanks to all who sent Campbell labels. We had only about 75 more than the 19,000 that we needed for the microwave oven that we ordered for our new home ec kitchen.

The 1990 session of the Va. state legislature is past. To our knowledge, no law was passed that would endanger our status of being exempt from licensure.

We had snow here the first day of spring. Linda Rose Miller

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA**Farmville Christian Fellowship**

Mar. 25--The first of the month was warm enough to get things in the garden and start the strawberries blooming. Then we had a cold snap with even some snow and now it's fair and mild.

Visitors in church today were John Schrock and Amos Beilers, Stuarts Draft, Va.; Santos Godoy and Hector Viera, the latter coming to see his special friend Mary Shetler.

The weekend of the 11th we were blessed with visitors from various places due to the wedding of Paul Miller and Janet Martin, Rustburg, Va. Those coming for the wedding were Todd Glenns, Carbon Hill, Ohio; Tim Hershbergers, Middlefield, Ohio; William Mulletts, McConnellsville, Ohio; and Rosie Byler, Middlefield, Ohio. Jerry Millers, Grove City, Min. were guests of Elvin Yoders. We were also glad to have Amanda Troyer back with us after a 2-week stay in Stuarts Draft, Va.

Noah and Eli Weavers left Fri. for Alabama where they plan to spend the greater part of the summer working with son and brother Jonathon.

Fri., the 16th brought visitors for James Troyer from Mt. View Nursing Home in Aroda, Va., namely Vera Gingerich and Vernon Hilty.

Mar. 28 - Eli Troyer had the misfortune today of getting his hand in the saw, cutting about half of his index and ring fingers off and breaking the other 2 (on his right hand). He was working with Al and Bob Buczek, so Al took him to the hospital and Bob got the fingers, cleaned them, and took them in. Eli was then flown to Charlottesville, Va. by helicopter, Barbara going with him. It happened soon after lunch and he was taken into surgery about 8 this evening where they expected he would be for 10 hrs.

Marie Schwartz

ARODA, VIRGINIA

March 26--1990 continues as a year of confusion in many parts of the world and the future is more uncertain than ever. One report says that as long as people were told lies, they did not rebel, but when they learned the truth, they turned against their rulers. May this be a lesson for the churches?

Our moisture is in the form of snow now and temp. at 30 to 40°.

Visitors over Sun. were Mrs. Tillie Bontrager and sister and son Enos and wife of Chestertown, Md., also a Swarey family of Gladys, Va. and Mrs. Mervin (Leora) Overholt of Russellville, Ky.

Amanda Yoder and some of her daus. and in-laws traveled to Del. this morn. to visit dau. Treva, the Bill Zook family. Noah Yoders and Edgar Helmuths were in Lancaster Co., Pa. over the weekend attending the wedding of Sam Kaufman and bride.

Elmer and Anna Miller have returned from Fla. Sarah and Savilla Keim are both doing well and so is this scribe.

Noah Keim

CUMBERLAND, VA

April 1--Bro. Joe Hertzler was in Kansas over the weekend. He went to some kind of meeting.

Edna Kramer went to Chicago, Ill. to visit with her youngest dau. She plans to come home on April 5.

Laura Layman is laid up with a bad cold and was not able to be in church today.

On April 17th grandson Douglas Lamar will be 4. He has quite a bit of problems with his ears. He was to Johnston Willis Hospital to close some holes in his ear drums. He has lost some hearing already, but he is a fine healthy boy otherwise.

A dau. Shana Lucille was born to our son-in-law and dau. in Texas. She has two brothers, Toby Jay and Junior Layne.

Born to Herbert and Esther Clark was a son who will answer to Evan Clark. He is welcomed by 4 girls, Elizabeth, Virginia, Rachel and Summer Star. Esther is a dau. of Gid Yoders.

Norman Eli Troyer is at the Charlottesville Hospital. He got his hand into a powerful trim saw. It cut his 2 fingers off clear down by the palm of his hand, and broke the 2 other fingers. He is in a lot of pain. He is a son of Joe Troyers. He is married and has 2 little children. His home address is Route 1, Road 636. He will be off work quite awhile.

Mary Jane Yoder

ARODA, VIRGINIA

April 2--The state is working on two road projects in our county now. The one is widening the blacktop from Rt. 230 to the road leading to our church and the nursing home. However, only one mile will be finished this year. The other is a new bridge over the Rapidan River at Madison Mills, and building new approaches to Rt. 15 and 230.

Mark Stoltzfuses of Russellville, Ky. were visitors over Sun. Willie and Sylvia Miller and son Phillip are flying to Guatemala Tues., the 3rd, and from there will go to Belize to visit son Timothy, who teaches school there. Ernest Lees of Guatemala expect to be here in about 10 days.

The ministry here all plan to attend the ministers meeting in Lancaster Co., Pa. this week.

Noah Keim

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

April 4--We had a lot of moisture the past week (3" at least). We were spared the hail that some neighboring areas received.

Jonas Mast drove to Rutherfordton, N.C. on Thurs. to visit his sons Deans, Davids and Freds. He came back Fri.

Dennis Millers of Rutherfordton, N.C. came a week ago. They are at his parents', Larry Millers', and Dennis is working at the truss shop where he was employed before moving.

LaMar Bear went to the Eastern Shore for a load of garage doors and had supper Fri. at Willie Knepps' at Pittsville, Md.

Kenneth Hooleys and 4 youngest children went to Rutherfordton, N.C. on Fri. Walter Weavers, Ellen Weaver and Donald, Katherine and Jennifer Hertzler went down on Sat. They all came back Sun. eve. Ivan Mast (age 16) came along to work with the Amelia Equip. crew this week.

Arthur Torkelsons of Md. were Sat.

guests of Nelson Hooleys and in church Sun. a.m. They took Norman Torkelsons of Duchess, Alberta (who had been visiting Nelsons) home with them Sun. p.m. Mark Torkelson of Md. planned to take them to Dulles Airport yest. a.m. for their flight home.

Those flying west on Mon. to take in the nationwide ministers' meetings this week at Farmington, N.M. were Vernon and Phyllis Mast, Levi Kramer, Nelson and Carolyn Hooley and baby and Steve and Phyllis Mast. They were to fly to Atlanta, Ga. where David and Ida Mast of N.C. were to meet them and fly to Phoenix, Az. They were renting a van for the 8-hr. trip from there to Farmington. Plans are to fly back Sat.

Shirley Witmer flew to Farmington, N.M. yest. for a week's visit with Lois Shertzer.

Mrs. James E. Mast

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

April 2--I am doing better with my walking. I am not using my cane at the moment and I am again taking Tylonol which seems to be doing better than the Napyerson, and a lot less expensive.

My sister-in-law Mary Miller is better at times. She does have another appointment next week and Billy White will be going in for surgery on April 4 to have a 5-inch non-malignant tumor removed.

Johnny and Ruth Miller, Minerva, Ohio, are planning to eat supper with my other son Leon Miller on Tuesday, April 3, in Lancaster. Johnny's are going to Pa. for a ministers' meeting.

Mrs. John H. Miller

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

April 2--After a brief thundershower Sun. eve. a beautiful entire rainbow appeared.

I owe an apology to Sally Tucker for failing to report an important news item. Her engagement to Steve Miller, son of Mose J. Miller of Holmesville, Ohio, was announced 2 weeks ago.

Thanks to Andy Hershberger of Donalds, S.C. for his letter answering the question which my brother-in-law Menno J. Yoder had asked about Mose's rock. Will quote: "A few miles north of Petra is Mose's spring where he struck the rock (Num. 20:8-13) and today water still flows generously and is the only source of water for the Bedouins who live at Petra." I understand the Bedouins are Arabic desert dwellers, who roam from place to place seeking the best pasture for their flocks.

Mark Chupps' baby remains a patient in a Washington hospital. On Fri. morn. their 2-year-old dau. Heidi was rushed to the hospital with a low sugar count and had an overnight stay.

David Miller of Hickory, N.C. stopped in to see his parents, Jake Millers. It has been some time since Jake was able to attend church services.

Bennie Byler was at Belvidere on Sun. to hold communion services. Nancy Kauffman from Faith Mission was a visitor at Pilgrim Fellowship. Mrs. Fern Beachy attended for the first time since her operation. She has her foot in a cast and gets around on a wheelchair and crutches.

Some of Junior Troyer's children from Farmville are staying in the area while their parents have gone to Maine. John Summy

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

March 20--Today 34 years ago we moved here to Va. from Cumberland, Md. with our 4 children, age 5, 8, 8 and 14. Now they are all married and we are blessed with 12 grandchildren and 2 married. Dec. will be our 50th anniversary and also of sis. Anna and Menno Yoders, as we had a double wedding in Grantsville, Md.

Avis Kephart took Joy Bergey, Jacob and Rosa Lehman to N.C. for a birthday celebration for her dau. Linda who lives with her sis. Sharon and Paul Goudy at Manteo, N.C. Lusa Kephart and daus. Anna and Sara also joined them for the surprise breakfast party.

When the Lehmans returned home who should meet them at the door but Regina Beiler and her 2 children from Onancock, Va. from the eastern shore. Roger took the 2 older children with him and went to South Hill to visit his mother Marjorie.

Also visiting the Lehmans was Roy and Velma Plank. They had served with N. Youth Programs at Beaver Lake Camp for more than 2 years.

Early Tues. morning Roys left from the Norfolk airport, for their trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for a 3-week visit with their dau. Sharon and husband Arlo Schmidt and children. They left their camper parked in Jacob's yard.

Jacob Lehman Jr. has a good milking cow. She milks close to 20 gallons every day. When the tester first tested this cow he was sure that he made a mistake, but now after 3 months she is still giving a lot of milk.

As a calf this cow came from Elva Beiler's dairy herd.

Marie Miller (Phils) and her roommate in E.M.C., Emily Burkholder, spent a week in Fla. during their spring break, to visit Maria's grandparents, Vernon and Pauline Miller and dau. Susan and Andy Nissley family.

April 1 is the senior citizens' fellowship meal and program here at Mt. Pleasant Menn. Church.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

April 4--March went out like a lamb--just as it came in, but now after severe thunderstorms and at places hail Sunday and Monday evening, it is blustery and cold.

Donnie Yoder had surgery for a ruptured appendix 2 weeks ago. He got along quite well, but needed to stay a week. His bro. Dwayne had a hernia surgery as an outpatient a week later.

Sam Troyer's house deal was slow getting finished because it didn't have a clear title. Hopefully, they will finish the deal tomorrow.

Leanna Glick (Titus) has gone to Jamesport, Missouri with her Uncle Jesse Hershbergers from Stuarts Draft to attend the wedding of a cousin, Paul Troyer, son of Vernon Troyers.

John Stoltzfus enjoyed a call from Crique Sarco, Belize Sunday p.m. by a phone patch to a ham radio in Ohio, from their son Jakes who are on the mission field there.

Sis. Esther Yoder, with Yolanda Gingerich as driver, spent Sunday in Catlett, Va. where her daughter Alice (Missy) is employed at the nursing home. Sharon Martin from here is also employed there. Amos Schrock were in Delaware over the weekend.

Yesterday was our monthly sewing with 8 covers being knotted. Iva Zook and Susan Sommers make most of the quilt tops.

Mary June (Beachy) Hershberger, one of our teachers, has been sick about a week. Her sister Esther Bowman substituted a few days.

Ernest & Lovina Yoder

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

April 3--Tues. evening we had a farewell for Esther Townsend. She has completed her second term here. The past few months she had been working at the bakeshop. Her mother, brother and sister, Bertha, Amos and Hannah Townsend were at the farewell. Afterward, Karen Miller and Esther went to Fla. for a vacation.

Coming to visit family were: Omar Waglers, Jacob Zehrs and Andy and Colleen Martin, Ont.; Willie Bylers and Mrs. Jonas Hershberger, Ohio; and Steven (Fla.) and Naomi (Mountain View) Schlabach.

Rachel Yoder and Laurie Jones, W.Va. and the Mark Stoltzfuses, Ky. were here.

Pa. visitors were Mahlon and Abigail Stoltzfus and son, Dan and Naomi Stoltzfus; the Amos and Steve Stoltzfuses (Elvin's father and uncle); Mary Ann Hershey, Wanda Martin, Eunice and Rhoda Weaver; Marvin and Delores Peachey, Linda Peight and Sadie Peachey.

Meredith Martin had been at the Roy Yoders', Pa., for a four-week leave because of back problems. They brought her back on Sat. The Elmer Gingerichs, Ark., Lisa's parents, were here Sun., also. Bros. Roy and Elmer both preached for us Sun.

Ralph Millers and Glenn Kauffman went to Pa. for the baptism at Weavertown; Rose King attended the Fisher-Zook wedding; and Sanford Yoder and Regina Beachy went to their respective homes.

Because of their age and limited mobility, we have asked Nancy Lehnert and Cattalena Rollins' parents to find other placement for their daughters. If anyone is interested in taking one or both of them into your home, particularly Catty, please contact Reuben Yoder. The final arrangements would probably need to be made directly with the parents, rather than through F.M.H.

The weekend of April 19-22, some of the staff and residents plan to give programs at Abbeville, S.C. on Thurs. eve.; Montezuma, Ga. Fri. eve.; Belvidere, Tn. Sat. eve.; Crossville, Tn. Sun. morn.; and Franklin, Ky. on Sun. evening.

Linda Rose Miller

MT. CRAWFORD, VA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

April 4--The weather has taken a turn toward cool. The purple martins are huddled on the porch of their birdhouse, looking like they wished they were in the sunny south.

Visitors Sunday were Orpha King and her two little brothers. She is visiting her sister Evelyn (Mrs. Daniel Fisher). Other visitors were Richard Hunseckers and son Darell from Chambersburg, Pa. and Leonard Hartmans from Ohio. This was a first time meeting for the 2 families prior to the wedding of Russell Hartman and Joyce Hunsecker, which is planned for this summer.

Joseph Witmers are on a trip to Tn. for part of this week. Joyce Hunsecker is staying with us while Josephs are gone. She plans to go up to her home this weekend.

David Fisher left last Sat. by plane for a board meeting at Farmington, N.M. and is also taking in the nationwide ministers' meeting there. Also Eldon Swartzentrubers left real early Monday and drove to the same meetings.

Orville Witmers were up to Pa. last week to help her brother Mark and Janice Reinford move to the New Bethlehem, Pa. area. Due to pickup truck troubles they were unable to return home Sat. evening as planned. They arrived home Tuesday evening.

We are planning to take hot lunch to school tomorrow.

Amos and Carrie Strite

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

April 2--Spring gave us a snowy greeting this year, with 3 or 4" of snow and the temperature dropping to the teens. It has warmed up nicely the last few days.

Ella Schlabach was to Ohio for a cousin's funeral about 1½ weeks ago.

We had visitors different times during our week of Bible School, including Eli Yoders from Ohio (David's parents), John and Joann Roth from Oh. (Judy Lapp's sister) and the Scott Jones family from Flemingsburg (teacher Laurie's family).

My grandfather, Eli A. Yoder and Ben Peachey from Stuarts Draft, Va. were here Fri. (March 23) to buy a new lawn tractor for their church yard at home.

Stephen Schlabach from Fl. was in the community last Fri.

Rachel Yoder and Laurie Jones were to Aroda, Mission Home and Stuarts Draft, Va. over the past weekend.

We have found it very interesting in the past year to compile a family history and genealogy of my great-great-grandfather and his descendants. We finally have this information in the form of a nice little book (see classifieds).

Kevin Yoder

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

April 12--Last Friday we had a lovely snow. When the sun shone with the snow clinging to every branch and twig, and on fences and posts, it was just beautiful.

Visitors at church Sunday were Irene, Miriam and Tim Reinford, visiting in Irene's daughter's home (Mrs. Orville Witmer) and also Tim came to see his special friend Lois Mast, our school teacher. Other visitors were Dan Leises, parents of Mrs. David Fisher, who are on their way home from Florida and Orpha King and two little brothers.

Tuesday was the school trip. This year they toured the post office at Charlottesville, Va. and had a picnic dinner at Sherando Lake and afterwards most of the group hiked around the lake.

Yesterday, the 11th, was our 16th anniversary. The 4th of this month was John and Edna Beachy's anniversary and they've been married 44 years; and the 19th is Joseph and Betty Witmers. They've been married 29 yrs.

Amos & Carrie Strite

ARODA, VIRGINIA

Mountain View Nursing Home

April 3--Martha and Dorothy Herberger of Abbeville, South Carolina stopped by recently on their way to Md.

Weekend visitors were a group of youth from Hartville, Ohio visiting Pete Millers. Also visiting Petes were Julia's aunt, the Mark Stoltzfus family of Kentucky. Mark and Miriam had worked here in 1969.

Ann Fisher was home in Pa. nearly a week for her brother's wedding.

Marti Raber and Etta Miller were in South Carolina for the weekend.

Eldon Hostetler left Sunday afternoon for an MIC meeting in Pa.

Several ministers stopped by on their way to the ministers' meeting, also in Pa. Lloyd Troyers and Lloyd Helmuhs of Whiteville, Tenn. were here overnight with relatives and friends. Ernest Hostetlers came this afternoon. They will leave 2 daughters here to be with Carmen while they are at the meetings.

April 10--Identical twin girls were born to Nancy and Paul Mittchel on April 4, Mica Rose and Sara Joy, both 21 inches long and some over 7 pounds each.

Paul Overholt and son Derek flew to Texas Thursday morning for a wedding and returned Monday evening.

Linda Nissley left Thursday evening for Penn Valley Retreat in Pa. and returned Monday afternoon.

Others who left Thursday for a trip to Georgia were Susan Yoder, Vernon Hilty and Vera Gingerich and will be back this evening. They planned to visit Ruth Morrison while they are there.

Now that Ruth Morrison has moved, her father-in-law, Pappy Morrison, also moved to be closer to family. He is in a nursing home in Winchester, Va. He will be 100 yrs. old on April 14. His address is Van Gilder's Care Center, 1011 Pennsylv-

vania Avenue, Winchester, Virginia 22601.

Angela and Rose Mary Miller were in Pa. for the weekend.

Thursday is CNA graduation day for Mike Troyer and Myron Yutzy.

Brenda Apel took an exam today for entering LPN training. A new requirement is to have an LPN to teach the CNA classes.

The Paul Overholt family is going home to Whiteville, Tenn. this weekend.

Others leaving for the weekend are Johnny Stoltzfus and Melody Yoder to Georgia, Carmen Hostetler to South Carolina and James Miller to Pa.

Rachel Webb will be home in Ind. about a week and Ina Troyer in Florida a week.

Linda Nissley

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

March 30--Over last Sun. Alva Yoders and his bro. Milton and family from Ga., who were here, went to Cumberland, Va. for services where Wayne Weaver preached.

Sat. they had a frolic for Alvas to work on their new log cabin home.

Tue. and Wed. of this week they were working evenings on Donnie Brenne-man's house that the church is building for them. Till this summer it will be a year they started on it. Neoma's parents are here from Plain City, Ohio.

Among those in church Sun. were Valley Millers who came home from Fla., Thurs., Elva Beiler, who had been on a tour across the ocean, Richard Swartzentrubers and 3 boys, Michael Beiler from Meigs, Ga., Marcus Beiler family from Pantego, N.C. and Martha Kauffman.

Michael Beiler will be here a while to help on Alva Yoder's house and Richards are here with Pauline's mom, Elva Beiler. Lester Hostetlers from Oh. are also here at Donnie Brennemans'.

Sun. evening Crist and I were to Providence church where Hope Haven gave a program. They work with children that are homeless.

Steven and Sherri Miller, Kalona, Ia. are the parents of a son born on April 4, which is our first great-grandson. They named him Cody Eugene. Sarah Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

April 9--Our county had about 5 inches of snow the 5th.

Our ministry were all to Lancaster, Pa. last week to the Beachy ministers' meeting. We were reminded there of the tremendous costs of medical services. Also it was decided to follow up on some work in Africa where hundreds of people have had courses in Bible study by mail.

Rudy Overholt and wife were with us in services Sunday, the 8th, and Rudy ministered to us.

Henry and Vera Brenne-man left for Ga. to visit his parents, as his mother is not well.

We are still in our usual health with Sarah back to quilting and enjoying it. She has a checkup on her blood count every week. Noah Keim

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

April 9--Made garden Friday morning. That night it was covered with a 9 in. blanket of snow. It was the most beautiful winter wonderland I ever remember.

David Burkholder brought our message Sunday.

The high school students enjoyed a trip to Williamsburg, April 3.

Good Friday services planned at Bank Church at 7:30 with Jim Goering bringing the message.

Our respected neighbor and doctor, Jacob S. Huffman, died April 1 at R.M. Hospital where he spent 2 days. He was an ordained elder and minister in the Church of the Brethren for 50 years and medical dr. for over 40 yrs. We sold him the land where he built a large stone house and office. He put 31 boys through medical college. He was married Sept. 6, 1935 to Olive Fike who survives. Also survived by 2 daughters, Eleanor Wil-lingham of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Helen Huffman of Chicago, Ill.; 2 sons, Dr. Harold Huffman of Hinton, Va. and Dr. Rufus Huffman of Bridgewater, Va.; one sister, Nina Johnson of Seattle, Wash-ington; and 11 grandchildren. A memorial service was held Thursday evening at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren by his minister, David Brunk. Mrs. Huff-man is now a guest at the Bridgewater home that he helped to establish.

The West Rockingham and Clover Hill Puritan Clubs had a chicken barbe-cue for James Knicely's benefit. Pro-ceeds exceeded \$7,000. One customer purchased 10 chicken halves and gave \$500. James has a long hard-surfaced lane and is able some days to ride his wheelchair out for the mail, just using his head.

Grandson Clifford Rohrer spent 2 weeks on a job in Idaho, now this week is in Missouri.

Margaret Burkholder and Lamar Rhodes were published Sunday to be married in near future. She is youngest daughter of Vernon and Betty Burkholder. He is son of John and Louise Rhodes.

Roy and Martha Martin of Orrville, Oh. are visiting cousins at Dayton.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

April 11--We had a dusting of snow Sat. a.m. Weather has been mild.

Philip Lehman and Andrew Slabaugh brought a carload of frozen fish to this community Fri. eve., coming from Pa. They were overnight at Leroy Lehman's, going on to their Harrisonburg homes on Sat.

LaMar and Alfred Bear were to the Willis Knepp home at Pittsville, Md. for the weekend.

Marvin and Fern Hertzler spent the weekend at Rutherfordton, N.C. Their daughter Martha teaches school there and this was the first time Marvin had visited that area.

There were some happy children Sat. p.m. when the ministers and their wives got back from NM. Nelson Hooleys left their baby home after all. I wrote last week that she went along.

Stanley Champs and 7 of their children of Lebanon Co., Pa. were weekend guests of his sis. Shirley (Floyd Mast). He also brought our Sun. a.m. message. Other visitors Sun. a.m. were from the Harrisonburg area, Paula and Bonita Risser, Wilma Rohrer and Gladys Huber. Gladys had Sun. dinner with Walter Weavers and the others were at Jerry Weavers'.

Silas and Martha Martin were to Jamestown (Va.) yest. for their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Silas Martin planned to go south on business today. Jewel was riding along, planning to visit Fred Mast's Mary until the weekend. Mrs. James E. Mast

VIRGINIA BEACH NEWS

April 10--Leon was home from Pa. for the weekend. On Sat. eve. we went out for supper and David and Shell (my grandson and wife) joined us.

Johnny and Ruth Miller from Minerva, Ohio went to a ministers' meeting in Lancaster and met with Leon for lunch. Johnny and Ruth had to unexpectedly leave the meetings as Ruth's aunt passed away and they needed to go home early.

On Sunday dinner guests at our home were David Johnson, Paul Zook and Bonnie Bergey along with Leon and a friend he brought from Pa.

My sister-in-law, Mary Miller went to the dr. today as she is still plagued with breathing problems. They say it is her heart and her lungs. She is on medication, however, it doesn't seem to completely relieve the situation.

My arthritis has flared up in my foot so I have not been able to do much walking. Mrs. John H. Miller

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Princess Ann Area

April 9--Weatherwise it has been beautiful these last few days, but a chilly wind.

Sun. morning Crist and I went to Southampton Youthful Offender Prison for a Sun. school class.

Visitors in church Sun. were Bob and Martha Overholt and dau. from Ky. to help celebrate their dau.'s birthday (Lois Kauffman). Sun. afternoon Raymond Kauffman family, Joe Millers family and Bob Overholts all went out to azalea gardens to see all kinds of azaleas.

In the evening the teachers and school children gave a program on what Easter really means. Then afterwards we had a birthday surprise for Lois.

Her gifts included a scrapbook from each of the pupils.

April 11--Last evening a group of 18, some from the Providence church and our own church went to Southampton Correction Center and gave an Easter program.

Donnie Brenneman and 2 daus., Delila and Miriam and Becky Overholt left Mon. morning for Pa. where Donnie will have meetings this week.

There will be only a half-day of school Thurs. because of Easter. Teachers will be leaving to spend Easter at home, Marcus Kauffman to Ga. and Ida Brenneman will be going with him to visit her sis.-in-law who is very ill with cancer, Mrs. Mark Brenneman.

Rachel Beiler will be going to Pantego, N.C. to be with her folks, Solly Beilers who just came home from Mex. where they spent sometime in mission work.

Linda Zook will be going to Belleville, Pa. with her parents, so there's no school till Tues. Sarah Mast

CUMBERLAND, VA

April 9--Our visitors in the evening were David Hertzler and family. David is a bro. to our Min. Joe Hertzler. He also gave a small talk.

Norman Eli Troyer is getting better, but is still in the burn unit. They plan to move him out on Tues. Mail can be sent to them at their home address, which is Rt. 1, Rd. 636, Farmville, Va. 23901.

Joe Hertzler was with us on Sun. after being gone the past weekend. He had been to Kans. and Ia.

This weekend we plan to be with my husband's mother, Mrs. Lizzie A. Yoder, R. 1, Box 196, Salisbury, Pa. 15558. She is feeling better after having had a touch of pneumonia. Mary Jane Yoder

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

April 10--We had a farewell for Meredith Martin on Fri. evening. She left early Sat. morning for Alberta. She chose to terminate because of back problems.

Esther Townsend went to Penn Valley Retreat to serve a term of service.

We welcome Sonya Bechtel of Ore. and Cindy Lou Bleacher of Pa. to the staff. Sonya is working at the bakeshop. Former-staff Denise Risser and Delphine Burkholder brought Cindy Lou to start working here.

Ray Weaver and former-staff Mary Zook, Pa., have announced their engagement.

The Simeon Heges went to Pa. for his grandfather's funeral. The Abe Gingeriches, Karen Zook and David Rabers went to Ohio for Iva Zook's funeral. She is Amanda Gingerich's mother, Karen's grandmother and David's aunt.

Sharon's parents, the Eli Millers, Ohio, visited here before going to Pennsylvania for ministers' meetings. The Merle Beachys and David Rabers also went to Lancaster for the ministers' meetings. Reuben and Nathan Yoder attended the AMA-MIC meeting which was held there. The Eli Beachys, Ky., stopped in Sat. enroute home from ministers' meeting. The John C. Yoders, Mn., are here to spend some time with their 3 sons and families here: Reuben, Nathan and John Mark.

Karen Miller's sister Wilma and mother Rebecca, Ohio, returned with her from Fla. Also visiting from Ohio were Naomi and James' bro. Ivan and also Ivan Chupp.

Instead of staff doing noon dishes, we have the A-Girls and their child-care worker doing them. The staff on duty and several residents do the supper dishes.

Linda Rose Miller

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

April 9--Sat. morn. presented us with a winter wonderland. The wet snow clung to every twig, which was hard on the brittle Chinese elms, whose limbs snapped from the extra weight clinging to the leaves. It caused dozens of traffic accidents and knocked out power in widespread areas. This was the third snowstorm in a row which followed a warm day. The all-time record for this date was 8 inches in 1889.

During Thursday night's storm, a bull belonging to Glenn Grove wandered out on 340 and was struck by 2 vehicles. The third vehicle made an attempt to stop when the 4th vehicle crashed into it.

The Va. State Police were called out to the Sentry Food Mart in Mint Spring, because of a bomb threat received by telephone. The police found a suspicious looking package behind the store. After carefully x-raying it, they found it contained 4 large pizzas; otherwise nothing was found.

Rufus Beachys got a chance to get acquainted with their 6-week-old granddaughter when Mrs. Edward (Louise) Beachy and 2 children from Honey Brook, Pa. arrived Tue. eve., also Mrs. Alton (Lavina) Beachy and 2 children from Plain City, Ohio. They returned home Wed. afternoon. Norman Swartentrubers from Abbeville, S.C. also spent Fri. night there on their way home from the ministers' meeting at Weavertown, Pa. Grandpa Beachys also got a chance to babysit their grandchildren while Mom and Dad, Junior Beachys, delivered a tractor to Belvidere, Tn. for bro. Marvin Beachy.

Willis Millers attended a wedding in Ill. which turned out to be somewhat of a family reunion, as all of Willis' family were there.

Visitors at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. were David Yoders from Mission Home, who were guests at Mary Jane Miller's, as they had been in Germany together.

Marvin Chupps' baby has now been transferred from the Washington Hospital to the University Hospital in Charlottesville. It is now breathing on its own.

John Summy

VA. BEACH, VA.

Princess Ann Area

April 20--Tues. it was warm and by evening it got stormy. The new addition at son Moses' had some sheets tore off (styrofoam) before we got all the slats nailed on.

Wed. was the funeral of Mrs. Mark Brenneman, who had been a cancer victim for a number of years. She peacefully fell asleep. Her funeral was Wednesday forenoon and Dorothy Yoder's in the afternoon. Raymond and Malinda Kauffman, Bertha, Rene and Donnie Brenneman and Elva Beiler went from here; also Lois Kauffman.

Farmers are busy in the fields. Some corn has been planted.

Robert Yoders, Cheryl Hershberger, Elva and Marvin Beilers left today for Pa. for the Gospel Express Sale on Sat., the 21st.

Sarah Mast

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

April 17--I went to the dr. today to have the nail on my big toe removed as it had become ingrown. Tomorrow I go to the dr. again to have my blood checked.

A good number of people have gone to Georgia to attend the funeral of Vernie (Mark) Brenneman and Dorothy Yoder, dau. of Simon L. Yoder. Both of them lived in Va. Beach at one time.

Easter brought us some visitors from Harrisonburg, Va. Joyce and Glenn Green and family along with Glen's mother came on Saturday night and spent the day with us on Sunday, leaving after lunch.

The Joe Miller family returned from Kentucky. They enjoyed being with Christine's family for a week.

Mrs. John H. Miller

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

April 17--Terrell Spears left Poplar Hill Cottage to live with his sister and family in Alexandria, Va. He has been a resident here ever since the Home opened in 1965.

A number of the staff went home to Pa. for communion on Easter Sunday. The Roman Mullets and Esther Townsend came from Penn Valley (in Pa.) for communion here on Sun. evening.

The Hope Mennonite youth group from the Schaefferstown, Pa. area was here this weekend. The crew worked on various projects Sat. morning. In the evening they served supper, and then presented a program, after which they presented gifts to the Home children and cottage youth. Former-staff who accompanied the group were James and Rose Troyer (& family), Marvin and Linda Stoltzfus, Paul Ruhl and Eunice (Burkholder) Horst and her husband Lloyd and sons. Bro. Loyd and Roman Mullet preached on Sun. morning.

Regina Beachy enjoyed hosting Bertha and Dorothy Beachy, Pa., as well as Dave and Martha Troyer and sons. Also visiting from Pa. were the Clarence Zimmermans, Claire Zimmerman and Delilah Miller; Lamar Martin and Linda's bro. Harlan Wenger.

Tennessee visitors were Mose and Ben Miller and Phil and Tim Mast. Visiting from Mo. were Laura Jean (Lapp) and Ivan Miller.

We have installed another phone system. As of this Friday, we plan to have 3 lines instead of 2, using the roll-over system. There is an intercom system built into the phone system.

Linda Rose Miller

ARODA, VIRGINIA

April 17--Dogwoods are in full bloom. Gardens are partly planted; it has been too wet for a long time to work the ground.

Over the Easter weekend Min. Elmer Shrock of Pilgrim Fellowship, Stuarts Draft, brought messages beginning on Fri. eve.

Ernest, Savilla and Naomi Lee are home from C.A. on vacation for a few weeks. Willie Millers are expected home from C.A. the 18th.

Harry Yoder's basement walls are laid up so they will soon be building on top.

The Phillip Nisly family visited his sister Carol and girls Sun. and Mon. of Easter.

My wife and I and daus. Esther and Savilla traveled to Fort Defiance to son Melvin's home Sat., the 14th, and celebrated 2 birthdays there.

Noah Keim

CATLETT, VIRGINIA

April 12--It seems that winter has returned. Last Sat. we had several inches of snow, but by Sun. it was mostly melted again.

Earlier we had written that Joel Barkman had gotten his finger in the power miter saw and had to have a skin graft. Well, it has almost healed completely and he is back working again. Robert Miller, who had his back operation is still not doing too good. His back still gives him quite a bit of pain at times. About 2 weeks ago Bertha's sister Dorothy, son and mother were here to visit Roberts and stayed over the weekend.

Sam and Vera Miller (Roberts) are planning on moving to Ark. sometime in the future. Sam's brother Jason lives there in Ark.

Last week Min. Alvin Bylers, Dea. Andy Bylers and our Bishop Simon Schrock were in Pa. to the ministers' meeting and were gone almost all week.

Visiting at Mark Yoders' over the weekend were the Loyal Troyers of Farmville, Va.

Mrs. Lydia (Grandma) Byler is mostly in bed at present and is not doing too well. Some of the children and grandchildren take turns to stay with her on Sundays. She hasn't been able to be in church for sometime.

Nelson Mast had been home in Tenn. for several weeks but has again returned to help Daniel Mast in his roofing business.

Joe Bender, who had been in the hospital with heart problems and on a pacemaker, was doing some better and was to come home the first of this week.

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA**Farmville Christian Fellowship**

April 13--Today was a beautiful sunny day after all the rain we've been having.

First, I want to correct some mistakes in the last letter I wrote. Eli Troyer was taken to Charlottesville Hospital by ambulance and his two middle fingers were cut off about halfway. His fingers were all badly mangled and he only has 3 left now. They cut the second finger all the way off and sewed the top of it on the third finger. The tendons, etc. were cut out of the bottom section of the index finger so he can't freely move it up and down. He came home Wed., exactly 2 weeks after the accident.

Visitors last week were the Mark Stoltzfus family, Auburn, Ky.; Dan Kramers, Brazil; Mark Yoders, Catlett, Va.; Jerry Troyers, Golden City, Mo.; and Ray Yoders, Mission Home, Va. Michael Troyer was also down from Aroda for a short visit one evening.

Lloyd Troyers and Amanda Troyer visited in Catlett, Va. Sat. and Sunday.

Victor Kramers arrived in the community Thurs. eve. and plan to stay until Sat. evening.

Marie Schwartz

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AMELIA, VIRGINIA

April 18--Ellen Shank, Orpha, Karen, Rita, Shirley, Sharon, Mary Ann and Mildred Mast and Shirley Witmer went shopping at The Pottery near Williamsburg last Thurs.

Philip Weavers of Carbon Hill, Ohio were in the area from late Thurs. night to Mon. a.m. The Clarence Weaver family had supper together Sat. eve. at Clarences'. Sun. eve. they all were together again with a carry-in supper at Daniel Weavers'.

John D. Millers left Thurs. p.m. for a weekend visit with his bro. Dewey Millers in Wayne Co., Ohio. Johns were to Hartville for Sat. supper with his bro. Jim Millers. Another bro., Sam, was also there. Johns, Jims, Sam and his special friend all had Sun. dinner at Deweys'. Johns came home on Mon.

We left for Cambridge Springs, Pa. Fri. a.m. taking our Brenda, Jacob and Earl, plus niece Rebekah Mast, along. James and I and the boys were at Clarence Horsts' for supper and overnight. The girls and we attended the Sat. wedding of Carl Steiner and Crystal Hege at French Creek. James and I were cooks, along with Olin Steiners (Oh.) and Paul Lehman's (Pa.). We left for home Sun. p.m. after having dinner with Harold Heges. Nathan Heges (our niece and a sis. of Rebekah Mast) of Farmington, N.M. were also there.

Karen and Rita Mast went to Rutherfordton, N.C. for the weekend. Daniel Hooleys also went, taking Beverly, Glenda, Audrey and Dorothy Mast, Jennifer Hertzler, Margaret and Miriam Hooley and Rosetta Bear along in the back of the pickup. These 8 girls visited Ruth Mast (Fred).

Simon and Virginia Birky of McBride, B.C. arrived at Leroy Lehman's Sat. eve. and plan to leave tomorrow or Fri. Two other sisters, David J. Fishers and Kenneth Lehman's of Harrisonburg, were visitors in church Sun. and dinner guests of Leroy's. Steve Mast preached his first sermon Sun. a.m.

Simon and Virginia Birky were guests of honor Mon. eve. at a picnic supper at Silas Martins'. Others there were Daniel Hooleys, LaMar, Lisa, Alfred and Rosetta Bear, Carl Miller, Ivan Mast and Paul Weaver.

Silas Martin went to Hagerstown, Md. yest. on business, planning to come back today. His daughter Rachel Doutrich and her 2 boys plan to come back with him. Nelson plans to join them here later this week.

Mrs. James E. Mast

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

April 16--In the last couple weeks we have several times had a light skiff of snow and the temperature in the lower 20's, compared to 70° weather in March.

Joni Shetlers and Jesse took Naomi to Chambersburg, Pa. Tue. (April 3). From there she traveled with her brother and sister, Jadon and Rachel, on to Hutchinson, Ks. to visit their brother James Shetler and family for a few days. After coming back to Chambersburg, Bernice and Wilma Breckbill from there brought Naomi back again last Tue. (April 10th).

David Yoder's parents, Eli Yoders from Ohio, stopped in again at Davids' on their way home from Fl. about two weeks ago.

Last Mon. William Beilers went up to Bedford, Pa. to help his brother John Beilers make their move to Morrisville, N.Y. They loaded on Mon. and drove up and unloaded Tue. Williams came back to Bedford Tue. evening, and Wed. morning went to Mt. Perry, Oh. for the ministers' meeting there. Uria Shetler from Farmville, Va. traveled with my father and Joni Shetler to the ministers' meeting also.

Phillip Schrock's had some visitors from Linn, Mo. last week. Dennis Millers spent Thurs. night there and Jr. Millers made a brief call Fri. evening.

Noah Schwartzes from Farmville, Va. were here this past weekend, beginning to make some preparations on the place they are planning to rent (on the former Anderson High farm). Son Paul announced this the most boring trip he had ever taken, as his entire stay here was spoiled by his sickness.

Judy Lapp and 3 children, Ella Schlabbach and Martha Miller used William Beiler's van for their weekend trip to Crossville, Tn. David Yoders were to Holmes Co., Ohio visiting relatives, and then to Bedford, Pa. for Sun. esp. to visit Harvey Yoders.

Kevin Yoder

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

April 16--The weather remains unsettled with several days with snow in the air, some rain and one morning the temp. dropped to 18°. But Raymond Millers had a nice day for their sale on Sat. where Ray Weaver was auctioneer.

We spent Tue. and Wed. at Bedford with our grandchildren while their parents, LeRoys, took a load of John Beiler Jrs.' belongings to N.Y. where a new settlement, or outreach, is being started.

Sam Yoder is in the Waynesboro Hospital because of a fall from the roof of a new shed that is being built for his son-in-law, Ben Hershberger. He had a slight concussion, a couple of broken ribs and a ruptured spleen, which had to be removed. We are glad to see him improving.

We also rejoice with Marvin Chupps that their baby was released from the hospital.

Mt. Zion had communion services on Sun. with Dennis Millers and family and Noah Miller Jrs. from Linn, Mo. being present. Dennis presented the sufferings of Christ. They had been to Harrisonburg to attend a wedding. John C. Yoders from Grove City stopped at John Beilers' one eve. for supper, also attending the above wedding.

Communion was also given to Jake and Nancy Miller Sun. afternoon because they haven't been able to attend services.

Enos Stutzman from Plain City gave a topic on Sun. eve. at Pilgrim Fellowship.

Mary, 70, wife of Galen Heatwole, passed away at the University of Va. Medical Center after a bout with cancer. She was co-owner of Sharon Book Store.

Elmer Schrock was at Aroda for weekend meetings. Bennie Byler went to Mission Home to hold communion services on Sun. eve.

Word was received here of the passing away of Vernie, wife of Mark Brenne-man of Montezuma, Ga., with funeral on Wed. Also the death of Dorothy, dau. of Simon L. Yoder. John Summy

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

April 19--On Good Friday 4 girls were down from Hagerstown, Md. to visit school. They were Elsie Rohrer, Melissa Martin, Priscilla and Pauline Horst. In the evening our Bishop Ralph Horst and daughter Lyndora and son Timothy were down for council meeting. Lyndora stayed down until Sunday evening.

Sat. was the wedding of Nathaniel Miller of Linn, Missouri and Mary Ann Witmer from local. The wedding was at the Pike Mennonite Church. There were visitors around then over the weekend. Dennis Millers were at Edgar Landises' for supper Saturday evening. Overnight guests at Edgar's were Andy Millers from Linn, Missouri, Edith Schrock and Susan Gingerich from Belle Center, Ohio.

Visitors at church Sunday were Clarence Zimmermans and son Claire and his girlfriend Delilah Miller from Wellsboro, Pa. Also Amy Herr from Hope-well, Md.; Jason, Luke and Eva Witmer from Tennessee. Sunday afternoon was a hymn singing at Edgar Landises' for the young people.

David Martins were up to Pa. visiting his family over the weekend. John and Edna Beachy, Esther and David were up to Meadow Green Cong. in Pa. on Sunday. Also there was some sickness amongst our church people that some were missing. Two of ours, Joanna and Merle, had earache or ear infection, and Matthew Witmer (Orvilles) has ear infection now too.

Jason Swartzentruber and his sister Berdella took Lyndora Horst home Sunday evening. Philip Lehman left to go back up to his school teaching job Sunday afternoon, taking Andrew Slabough back up to Nathan Weber's where he is working now.

The happy news for our congregation arrived April 16, Mon. morning, a son, Michael Glenn, to Daniel and Evelyn (King) Fisher. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20 in. long. He is welcomed by a sister, Freda. Grandparents are Elwood Kings of Myerstown, Pa. and David Fishers of Harrisonburg, Va.

April 2, Bill and Carol Bowling and 5 children from Manton, Michigan were supper guests of Edgar Landis. They visited our school the next morning and were planning to tour CLP. They teach their children at home.

April 9, Wayne and Jonas Mast from Amelia, Va. brought a load of organic fertilizer and composted chicken manure to Edgar Landis'. Andy Hooks, Crockett, Ky. stopped in at Edgars' to pick up 100 bags of the organic fertilizer to take along back to Crockett.

Wednesday evening we had our spring church cleaning prior to our weekend meetings and communion coming up. Amos & Carrie Strite

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

April 25--This week each day has been in the 80s.

Harvey Masts got back from Mexico a week ago today.

We had a surprise Wed. eve. when son Lloyd Masts of Union Mills, N.C. drove in. They brought a load of logs up to a nearby mill, and headed south again the next a.m. They brought another load up Sat., delivering it Mon. on their way home. They had a blowout on the trailer Sat. at Greensboro, N.C. which delayed them a good bit. They were to Leslie Meltons' for Sun. supper and to Raymond Bears' after eve. church.

Simon and Virginia Birky of McBride, B.C. traveled to Harrisonburg on Fri. Virginia rode with Brenda and Myrna Mast, who went to get Lois Mast home for the weekend and our council mtg. service Sun. a.m. Alfred Bear, Eldon Hooley and Charles Mast took her back Sun. p.m., having supper at Orville Witmers' and attending the last service of Pleasant Valley's weekend meetings.

David Masts and Dale Mast (Fred) of Rutherfordton, N.C. were in this area from Thurs. to Saturday. David's headquarters were at Leslie Meltons'.

Fri. afternoon Merle, Delvin, Dale, Marcus, Charles, Andrew, Leon, Ivan and Lavern Mast, Joe and Herbert Shank, Alfred Bear and Carl Miller launched 5 boats on the Appomattox River for an overnight camping float trip. The weather was threatening rain, but held off until noon Sat., just 30 mins. before their journey ended on the Jonas Mast farm. Joe got soaked after dark Fri. and lost a nice fish plus his fishing rod, when his canoe capsized.

Byard Horsts of Dalton, Oh. were with their daughter Donnabell (Timothy Masts) from Sat. eve. to Mon. a.m. We joined them at Timothys' for an outdoor supper Sat. evening. Lloyd Masts arrived late, but also had supper and visited. Silas Martins had their family home for the weekend. This included Nelson Doutrichs of Myerstown, Pa., Steve Martins of Hagerstown, Md. and Daniel Hooleys (local). It was especially special since Nelsons plan to move to Halsey, Or. in a couple weeks. On Thurs. some of the ladies went to The Pottery at Williamsburg.

Dennis Millers of Rutherfordton, N.C. arrived at his parents', Larry Millers', on Sun. evening. He is working in the truss shop this week.

Jonas Mast and Silas Martins were to the funeral home at Farmville yest. for the funeral of 102-yr.-old Jesse Bates. Harvey and Sadie Mast were at the viewing. Grandpa Bates lived with his grandson, Robert Bates in Ky., for the last 9 yrs., but wanted to be buried where he grew up.

Teresa Hosking and Sissy Carver and her 2 little girls of Rutherfordton, N.C. came up yesterday to do some visting in numerous homes, planning to go home tomorrow. They are staying at Leslie Meltons'.

Earl Champs of Cabins, West Va. are visiting their daughter Shirley, the Floyd Masts. Shirley's sis. Viola is also here. They all planned to go to Jamestown today.

Mrs. James E. Mast

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

April 23--A beautiful 80° today. Strawberries are ripening.

Some late news--Recent visitors with Barbara Slabaugh were her niece Ellen and husband Joe Hershberger, Plain City, Ohio. Ellen is the daug. of Monroe and Sarah Miller who had lived here at Deep Creek, Va. for at least 50 yrs. before they moved to Ohio.

Menno and Anna have returned from a few weeks in Fla. and also in Meigs, Ga. with their son Clifford and family.

I made a mistake in my last letter. Our twins, Marvin and Martha, were 11 yrs. old instead of 8 when moving down here from Md.

Our family including my nephew (Crist), Paul and Dorothy Yoder and family of Grantsville, Md. a total of 27, spent the Easter weekend up in the Mts. A beautiful sunshiny day. All enjoyed barbecued chicken and fish fry. They even got Fred on the 4-wheeler and Marvin took him on up over the mt. for a ride.

Roy and Velma Plank returned to the States from their trip to Haiti. Velma got sick while they were in Haiti. They had their motor home parked at the Lehman's, and have now taken it for a trip to Montana, taking their dau. Regina Beiler and her two little girls along to attend her brother Merlin Nisly's wedding. Marjorie Beiler is keeping house for Roger and their two little boys while they are gone.

The Jacob Lehman's had a busy weekend at Easter time. James and Fay Ting and children from Ephrata, Pa. came for a time of reminiscing about their work together in Ont. and joining them for Sun. dinner were Michael and Connie Exerson and 3 children from Georgetown, Del. and Jacob Lehman Jrs. with Jacob L. III from out west, and later in the week Tissa Kramer, Greenwood, Del. and Joan Creekmore came to visit them.

Due to a accident Jacob Lehman Sr. got a small piece of one of his fingers cut off.

Sun., April 22, a singing group from Pa. sang at the Providence Menn. Church. Luke Weavers, Ephrata, Pa., were also along. They had been with the Lehman's at Cristal Lake school, when everyone worked together to get the Indian Girls School ready to open in the fall of 1976.

The Senior Citizen Fellowship Meal at Mt. Pleasant Menn. Church was well attended. Mrs. Dwight Miller and Mrs. Ruth Clendening, the two oldest, 89 yrs., both are very spry. Since the 1977 gathering 19 passed on, the oldest was 105 yrs. old. Francis Miller Sr., Amos D. Wenger, Abe Buchwalter, James Kurtz, Joe Slabaugh, Wilmer and Roy Kemp, Abram and Esther Wenger, Titus and Naomi Bergey, Virginia Mast, Olus Kurtz, Carrie Miller, Dorothy Diller, Maggie Miller, Barbara Matthews, Sarah Weaver, Mabel Tennafas.

April 17, I went with Raymond and Malinda Kauffman and daughters Rose Mary and Susan to Montezuma, Ga., Donnie Brenneman also was along to attend the funeral of Vernie (Mrs. Mark Brenneman) on Wed. a.m. and Dorothy Yoder's funeral in p.m. at the same church. I worked for Dorothy's parents, Simon L. & Lydia Yoder, before I was married and the children were all at home and living in Va. I had not been to Ga. since Lydia's funeral. Had a short visit with Simon and bought 2 of the little toy tractors he makes for his hobby. Spent both nights with Dorothy's sister Pauline and husband Allan Yoder.

Also visited Salome (Kinsinger) Yoder. She seems in good health and will be 93 in May.

Was glad to meet all of the John Kanagy family. I had not seen Joe since they moved to S.C. from Kempsville where we used to be neighbors. Now they are all married and have families.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

April 24--April showers on Sat. and beautiful days since, temp. 80°.

Henry and Beatrice Horst are on a trip to Florida. Mrs. Byard Nell Knicely, who undersent surgery at R.M. Hospital, returned home on Sunday. Their son Howard is able to tend his chickens now; doing fine.

Our children Merlin and Edith Falb and children Gloria, Joyce and Wayne spent Easter weekend here. They are from Columbiana, Ohio.

We all attended services at Pike Church on Sunday evening to hear the singing program of the church youth. Steven Heatwole was leader. Lloyd Wenger attended church on Easter Sunday after undergoing hip surgery awhile back.

David Beery is still in R.M. Hospital. Oscar Martin is having serious eye trouble at this time. He also has leukemia.

Dan and Marie Showalter and Joe and Ruth Shank spent a few days at Nags Head, N.C. last week. Their mother Aunt Mable Cline spent the time in the home of her granddaughter Joyce and Eldon Showalter and family.

Darrell Landes, son of Ralph and Evelyn Landes, and Crystal Joy Hilty, daughter of Robert Hiltys of Spencerville, Ohio were married April 21 at 1 p.m. at Pike Mennonite Church. Clair Heatwole had opening remarks. Jim Goering had meditation and ceremony was performed by Eldwin Campbell. His parents, Ralph and Evelyn, built a new house and recently moved. Darrell and bride will move on the home farm.

Reba Cyzick and her sister Mrs. Homer Rhodes spent last weekend in Pa. visiting their father, Christ Shirk.

Daughter Louise and I visited Mrs. Dr. Huffman, a new widow, this afternoon. She is very lovely. Is a guest at the Bridgewater Rest Home.

Mary Ann Witmer, daughter of David and Martha Witmer, and Nathaniel Miller, son of Andrew and Marilyn Miller of Missouri, were married April 14 at 10:30 at Pike Church. His uncle Dennis Miller of Missouri had sermon and his grandfather Bishop John Yoder of Minnesota performed the ceremony.

Louise Witmer, sister of bride and Thomas Miller, cousin of groom and Tresa Showalter and John Miller were attendants. They all had worked at the Cedar Crest Children's home. After a trip to New England states they will be at home in Missouri. He will work on a hog farm.

Martha Jean Witmer who has been employed in Athens, Wis. came home for 2 weeks and attended her sister's wedding. She flew back to Wisconsin on Monday.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

April 22--Visitors in church today were Raymond Yoders family.

On April 15th weekend we were with my hubby's mother in Springs, Pa. She is doing better again. She had pneumonia. She is up and around some.

Norman Troyer is at home now. He was in the Burn Unit all but the last 2 days. He is getting along as well as can be expected and his hand is healing. The finger that they sewed back on seems to come along just fine. But the other one they had to take off clear down to the palm of the hand. It will be a long time before he will be able to work.

This afternoon little Philip Schlabach was rushed to the Farmville hospital after having a seizure. They think it comes from his last baby shot, which he had a little over a week ago. They left him come home this eve.

We had visitors this evening in church from Georgia, Mrs. Noah Weaver sister & daughter.

Mary Jane Yoder

ARODA, VIRGINIA

April 24--Farmers are starting to till the ground in preparation for corn planting. Not much other grain is harvested in this area any more. The temp. is up to 85 now and the oak leaves are out.

The Brennemans and Schrocks and Yoders who had gone to Ga. to attend the funerals are back again.

Our church observed council and communion services over the weekend of April 22.

Harry Weirich and wife visited son Marvin and family over the weekend of April 22. They are from Indiana.

Wife Sarah had blood tests today which showed good and she will have her next checkup in June. There are about six cases of cancer on our two-mile stretch of road.

Noah Keim

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

April 23--We are all thankful that Sam Yoder has been released from the hospital, but he has found out that his body isn't as capable to do things as he thought he might. Brenda Hershberger and her room of 14 pupils exercised both their lungs and legs by walking to Sam Yoder's and singing for him.

Yost Miller from Millersburg, Ohio had weekend meetings at Pilgrim Fellowship, giving teaching on the evils of the New Age Movement.

Elmer Schrock, John Beilers and Amanda Summy attended the funerals of Mrs. Vernie Brenneman and Dorothy Yoder at Montezuma, Ga. on Wed.

Eli Yoders and Esther Showalter were to Gap Mills, W.Va. on Sun.

Bennie Bylers have been busy preparing Urie Miller's house where Dan Chupps had lived, for Urie's return move to Stuarts Draft from Paris, Tn. Steve Byler and Thomas Swarey had gone to Urie's public sale on Sat.

Hannah Ruth came to bless Dan and Barbara Yoder's family on Tue. Her youngest sister is a 2nd grader.

Correction: In last week's letter it should have been a grandson, instead of a granddaughter to Edward Beachys.

John Summy

ARODA, VIRGINIA**Mountain View Nursing Home**

April 26--Our newest workers are Jerry Yoder and David Yoder, both of Arthur, Ill., and Yvonne Kauffman from Sheldon, Wisconsin. This is Yvonne's second term of VS here.

Hilda Zook is on a singing tour to Israel and Romania. Anna Dietz is working for her during this time.

Those who are, or have been, home on vacation recently are Susan Yoder (Ga.), Johnny Stoltzfus (Pa.) and Regina Miller, Lisa Friesen, Vicki Miller, Myron Yutzy and Vera Gingerich, all of Ohio.

Ina Troyer plans to take in a financial seminar at Penn Valley Retreat this weekend.

Our office addition is finished and in use.

This evening is Ann Fisher's farewell, with a supper on the "back forty."

We still need an activities director for Ann's replacement. Also a matron, housekeeper, and a nurse or 2. Contact Paul or Eldon at (703) 948-6831.

Linda Nissley

FREE UNION, VA**Faith Mission Home**

April 24--Those who went on the program tour report a good trip. They gave programs at Abbeville, S.C.; Montezuma, Ga.; Belvidere, Tn.; Crossville, Tn.; and Franklin, Ky.

John Swartz, W.Va., spoke to us Wed. eve. on dangers and advantages of secondary education. James Mack accompanied him.

A number of mothers from the Lancaster, Pa. area came to visit their children: Mrs. Sam Stoltzfus (John Lee); Mrs. Jonas Kauffman (Sue Ann Miller); Mrs. Elsie Kauffman (Nancy); Mrs. Dave Kauffman (Glenn); Mrs. Benueel Smucker (Ruth); Mrs. Jonas King (Rose); Mrs. John P. Lapp (Myma); and Mrs. Gideon Lapp (Myma & Rose's grandmother). Other Pa. visitors included Raymond & Rachel King, Lamar & Glen Martin and Grace Boll.

Visiting from Ohio were Mary Miller, Wilma Gingerich; Matthew Lapp's family, the Nelson Lapps and also his sister Marlene and family; the Marion Millers and Marion's sister Wilma. Marion & Wilma's sister Cindy is on staff.

Dan and Barbara Yoder, Stuarts Draft, announce the birth of a dau., Hannah Ruth, on April 17.

Debbie Hartman's parents from Iowa are here to visit her.

Sanford Yoder and Ivan Peachey went home to Pa. for communion.

I am scheduled to fly to Kansas on Thurs., staying for 3 weeks.

If you are interested in hosting Robbie Beverley or Stevie Tignor for summer vacation (June 30-July 14), please write Ralph Miller or call him at 804-985-7810.

Linda Rose Miller

VA. BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

April 22--Visitors in church services were Beilers and four children from Pantego, N.C. Staying with his sister Rachel.

Our meetings are starting Monday eve., the Evangelist being Bill Mullet from Ohio.

Joe Miller is down sick with flu right now.

Mervin Brenneman and wife, coming from Ga. after the funeral of Verna Brenneman had car trouble in N.C. Sat. afternoon, and couldn't get it fixed till Tues. morn, so they called here to the Brennemens for someone to get them. Spence took his trailer and brought the car here and will fix it for them. They had dinner at the school house for them, but they didn't get here till 3:30. They had planned on spending some time here with family ties before going on to their Md. home.

The young folk girls had dinner at Jacob Hershbergers in honor of Lori, daughter of Alvin Yoders from Ky. She is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Joe Miller and some girl friends.

Sarah Mast

VIRGINIA BEACH VIRGINIA

April 23--This is a nice sunny day with the temperature at 83 degrees. We had a birthday party on Saturday for Shirley Telfer. David and Shell Keim and Patsey and Butch Strange were here for supper and to help us celebrate.

Later on that evening Joseph and Brenda Berthold and Alta Lowyer came from Harrisonburg to spend the night. They came for the wedding reception of Phillip Keffer and his new bride of Harrisonburg whose name I failed to get. Phillip is from the Mt. Pleasant congregation in Chesapeake. Joseph is from Germany and a good friend of my son Leon.

Billy White went back to work today. He seems to be recuperating from his surgery. On Sunday night their daughter Sherry, who is married to Eddie Tuck, got sick and had to go to the emergency room. They determined that she had gall stones and are looking at possible surgery this week.

We are having special meetings this week at church with Bill Mullett from Holmes County, Ohio as our guest speaker. My son Johnny from Minerva, Ohio says that he knows him well.

Joe and Christine Miller have come home from Kentucky and they have brought Christine's niece back to spend some time here. Mrs. John H. Miller

MT. CRAWFORD, VA Pleasant Valley Fellowship

April 26--We are having very warm weather the past several days 85°-90°. The dogwood trees are in full bloom here in the valley. Farmers are chopping rye prior to planting corn.

Last weekend we had meetings at church with Enos Horst, Snyder Co., Pa., and Clifford Nolt, Ephrata, Pa. for our speakers. There were visitors from Amelia, Va., Hagerstown, Md. and Stoughstown congregation in Pa. and also several local folks.

Next our congregation is looking forward to hosting the Mennonite Christian Brotherhood Fellowship Meetings, which are planned for May 26 & 27th. The meals and lodging will be supplied. For lodging contact David Jay Fisher Route 8, Box 20 Harrisonburg, Va. 22801, Phone no. 703-434-1267.

Simon and Virginia Birky from B.C. Canada are visiting their sisters Rita (Mrs. Kenneth Lehman) and Laura (Mrs. David Jay Fisher) of this area. Simon and Virginia plan to leave tomorrow. Amos and Carrie Strite

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

April 20--The weather has been mostly cool with plenty of moisture. Some corn is being planted. It's very unusual to have several freezes in April.

I failed to mention earlier that Merle Yoders moved back from Wisc. the last part of March. They moved into the house on the Airy Mont Farm where he is employed. Merle's parents, Eli Yoders, arrived home about the same time from his teaching duties at Maranatha Bible School for 6 weeks. Calvin batched during his parents' absence. He is employed at Lynn Martin's body shop. His bro. Stevie also works there.

Wes Hershey and Wanda Steiner have announced their engagement with an Aug. wedding planned. Wes is originally from Wisc., a church member here, but now employed by his bro. Dan in Pantego, N.C. Wanda is a dau. of Merlin and Lena (Glick) Steiner from Pantego, but lives here in a trailer near her grandparents, Willis Glicks. Her bro. Richard is living with Willis and working for them. Another bro., Glen, wife and baby live on what used to be Caleb Glick's farm and operate Willis' dairy there.

Richard and Esther (Beachy) Bowman are the very happy parents of Ricky Jon, born April 17, weighing 6½ lbs.

The 5th graders and up are having a field trip today, visiting the Patrick Henry Memorial, then playing ball at the Brookneal ball park.

We were blessed with revival meetings from Apr. 8-15th, held by Tim Zook from Loman, Mn.

Ernest's bro. Robert had another of his weaker spells and hasn't been able to snap out of it enough to go back to work.

Our close neighbors, Charlie Wisecarvers, lost over \$8,000 worth of parts and equipment from their shop to burglars sometime Sun. night. They have some leads on the guys. The 2 Wisecarver boys work on race cars for others, having been involved in racing themselves and equipping their own vehicles. They also farm and run the fertilizer business that Ernest and Robert used to have, although on a smaller scale. The elder Wisecarvers have their own insurance business after years of working with Farm Bureau.

Son Jerrys are still living with us, although the water is now hooked up at the new house. It's almost ready for inspection, but has been slowed down with Jerry still not able to work after surgery on one arm and expect surgery on right arm in a few weeks. Ernest having back trouble and not able to do much. Delvin will help with siding today. Most of that is on, but need to build porch yet. Ernest & Lovina Yoder

VA. BEACH, VIRGINIA

Princess Ann Area

May 1--Weather has been real warm and a good shower Sun. morning gave garden things a good boost.

Visitors in church were Alvin Peachys from Pa., Anna Mary Zook's parents. They want to pick strawberries before they leave to take along home. They are nice and big.

Jacob Hershbergers came home Sun. night at one o'clock. Cheryl was glad to have mom back. She got her finger pinched in the van door and instead of opening the door she pulled her finger out and she has a nasty-looking finger and a lot of pain. She missed two days of school, right at the time of achievement tests.

May 2 - Christopher Horsting has his cast off of his leg and is back in school again.

The church men are working on Donnie Brenneman's house this eve. again. Sarah Mast

MT. CRAWFORD, VA.

Pleasant Valley Fellowship

May 3--We are having good growing weather. Farmers have started to plant corn. We had .6" of rain the other day.

For Saturday evening's service our Bishop Ralph Horst from Hagerstown, Md. was down. His wife and 5 of their children were along. That evening Edgar and Ella Mae Landis and daughters Phoebe and Joanna, and John and Edna Beachy and Joyce Hunsecker were taken in as members in our church. Also Marie Landis was baptized. This brings our

membership to 50. Communion was Sunday.

Monday the school children were down and watched Edgar Landis butcher a cow. Some of the children decided they will never make butchers.

The preschoolers attended May 1, 2 & 3. There will be 5 first graders next year, namely Steven Landis (Edgars), Faith Ann Martin (David), Regina Shank (Ivans), Hans Lehman (Kenneth) and Caroline Strite (Amos).

Last week in the local newspaper Douglas Wilder, our governor, signed Harrisonburg as a first class town. This is the first city signed since 1980. The population now is 30,000.

Amos and Carrie Strite

ARODA, VIRGINIA

April 30--Farmers are planting corn now and a good rain over the weekend has helped the moisture level, which is still a bit below average.

My wife, Sarah, received a very good report from the cancer specialists the 26th, saying they find no sign of cancer and giving God the honor. Our neighbor, Mr. Davis, is to have surgery May 1 for prostate cancer.

Leon Yoders and Glen Stutzmans of Franklin, Ky. were here visiting the Overholts over the weekend. They had a carry-in dinner in the church basement.

A number of our people, including Dea. Enos Schrock and Nora were to the state prison at Powhatan the 29th. Owen Yoders and Ina Troyer were to a retreat near Belleville, Pa.

Tim Helmuth's house was put under roof Sat., the 28th, by a number of people helping. John Anderson's house is also under roof. Harry Yoders will start on the framing of their house now. Noah Keim

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

April 30--The buds suddenly burst open making a big change in the appearance of the trees. Dogwoods also came out in bloom.

Urie Millers from Paris, Tn. arrived on Tue., moving into their house they had left about 9 years ago. Dan Chupps had lived in it in the meantime. Dau. Mary Ellen and Ervin Wagler had brought the U-Haul truck with their belongings. After the truck was unloaded, Kathryn Miller's belongings were loaded on. Next day it was finished loaded up with Raymond Miller's furniture and Ervins returned to Paris where Raymonds are making their future home. Urie also returned to Paris to attend to some unfinished business. Amos Zooks accompanied their granddaughter Kathryn Miller as she also left for her new home in Paris. Raymonds stayed over Sun., expecting to load their machinery truck on Mon.

John and Barbara Beiler left for N.Y. Mon. morn., staying overnight with son John Jr. and family. They returned on Tue. bringing along grandson Timothy Miller, who had been helping John Jr. get settled in their new home. Timothy is the son of John and Sarah Miller of Flemingsburg, Ky.

James and Susan Mejia and two girls, Luis and Judy Swartzentruber and Naomi Schrock went to the Roanoke airport Thur. eve. to meet the mesdames' parents, Noah Schrocks from Costa Rica. So on Sat. they gathered together at the Pilgrim schoolhouse to help Jake Millers celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Alvin Peachey from Bellville visited with Sam Yoders on their way to visit their dau., the Alvin Zooks at Va. Beach.

Sam was able to attend their communion services on Sun. Visitor there was Ed Yoder from Blountstown, Fl.

Dan and Susan Yoder and dau. Anna from Costa Rica spent Fri. night with Rufus and Fern Beachy on their way to Flemingsburg, Ky. Susan unexpectedly met her bro. Eldon Swartzentruber from Va. Beach, who was in the area with his mother-in-law, Sylvia Dickerson, visiting kin.

Alvin Schrocks had a family gathering on Sat. All of Lucy's brothers and sisters were there except Sanford, who lives in Costa Rica.

The Pilgrim pupils gave a program of oration and singing to a full house on Fri. eve.

John Summy

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

May 2--We had temp. up to 96° last week, but it is cooler again. Some field corn is up. Peas are blooming.

Patti Sloan was to Mechanicsville, Md. the April 22 weekend for communion services.

Darryl and Karen Mast welcomed their 2nd son on April 27th. Roger Leslie weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. at birth. Grandparents are Wayne Masts (local) and John Weavers of Lebanon, Pa. Rita Mast is helping out at Darryls'.

The Bill Sommers family of Kensington, Ohio were weekend guests of Mervin Hooleys (their daughter). Bills had Sat. dinner with Kenneth Hooleys and Sat. supper here, along with Mervins.

Tim Reinford of Newville, Pa. visited here over the weekend. On Sat. Tim and Lois, Brenda, Charles, Andrew, Audrey and Dorothy Mast (our children) spent part of the day at Maymont Park in Richmond.

Vernon Masts and Nancy, Mrs. Larry Miller with Carl and Marlin, Joe Weavers and Dennis Millers (NC) were to Harrisonburg for the wedding of Kathleen Good and Delbert Layman at the Pike Menn. Church.

Eldon Hoooley and LaMar, Lisa and Rosetta Bear were to Pa. Sat. for the wedding of Roger Miller (of Pantego, N.C.) and Karen Deim, held at the Spring Grove church. LaMar and Alfred had gone to Salisbury, Md. on Fri. Alfred stayed there while LaMar and Nina Knepp went to the wedding. Coming home, Eldon and the girls had a pickup and trailer load of King oil and had problems with both. Raymond Bears ended up going to Warrenton, Va. to bring them home, getting here at 9:30 Sun. a.m.

Cleotis Millers of NH came here after the Good-Layman wedding and stayed until Tues. a.m. visiting his bro. Larry Miller and sis. Vernon Masts. The family group had Sun. dinner at Vernons'.

Visitors in church Sun. were the Bill Sommers family (Oh.), Cleotis Millers (NH), Tim Reinford (Pa.) and Dennis Millers (NC). We had baptismal services with Glenda (Wayne) and Leon (Floyd) Mast and Carl (Larry) Miller being baptized. Donella Hoooley was taken in as a member by letter. Following this we observed communion.

Brenda Mast left for Rutherfordton, N.C. Sun. p.m. with Dennis Millers. She plans to spend the week with her bro. Lloyds.

Word was received Sun. (29th) of the birth that day of 9½ lb. Lora to Jonathan Masts in Mexico. Grandparents are Roy and Esta Mast and Sam and Joy Hackman, both of Mexico. This is Jonathans first child and Sams first grandchild. The baby also has 4 sets of great-grandparents: Harvey and Sadie Mast of Va., Melvin and Anna Schrock of Or., Samuel and Esther Hackman of N.C. and Paul and Mary Landis of Pa. This makes 12 grandchildren for Roys, with the last 6 arriving in less than 5 months.

Mrs. James E. Mast

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

April 30--Received word last night that Eli's niece (my hubby's niece), Deloris, married to Broaddus Massey of Tenn. gave birth to a little girl. She has 4 brothers. They named her Judith Faye. She weighed 9 pounds and is only 19 inches long. Both had to be taken to the hospital due to some complications. But they seem to be doing real good now.

In 4 weeks we plan to be going to Texas. We want to go and see our daughter Fern and husband and our 3 grandchildren.

Today they are helping get things under way for Junior Troyers. They plan to leave for their new home in the state of Maine.

Yesterday was also the open house for Elvin Yoder. They moved into their new home now.

Our school will close for summer vacation on May 21st.

Eli Troyer is doing well at home.

Mary Jane Yoder

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

April 30--We are having very pleasant weather. We got a little rain over the weekend.

Noah Weavers are back from Alabama. Also Eli Ray Weavers are here for a few days to move their things out of the house they were renting here.

Tuesday, the 24th a funeral service was held for Jesse Bates. Those staying overnight were Sam Troyers and Dave Troyer, Lynchburg, Tenn., Robert Bates, Philip Bates and Allen Bates, Ky.

Wed. eve. we were privileged to have a visiting minister and family, Dan Yoders, Costa Rica.

Ezra Troyers spent the weekend in Stuarts Draft, Va.

Amanda Troyer is moving to Stuarts Draft sometime in the near future. Her address will be Route 1, Box 673-C, Stuarts Draft, Virginia 24477.

We received the good news that Broaddus Masseys, Lynchburg, Tenn. are the happy parents of a baby girl, Judith Faye.

Elvin Yoders have moved into their new house. A housewarming was held for them on Sunday evening.

Paul A. Schwartz

GAP, WEST VIRGINIA

Gap Mills Christian Fellowship

April 30--Our extra cool weather earlier this month has been exchanged for unseasonably warm temperatures, up to 80°+ last week.

Our visitors in church Sun. (April 22) were Lloyd Troyers and Noah Schwartzes from Farmville, Va. and my grandparents, Eli A. Yoders, and Esther Showalter from Stuarts Draft, Va. Eli had the devotions and Lloyd brought the message.

Joni Shetler was to Honduras, C.A. with Jake Stoltzfus from McVeytown, Pa. on some church work recently. He was gone 11 days, coming home Fri. (Apr. 27). Joni had quite a letdown when he walked up to the ticket agent in Miami, Fl. and was minus his passport. He knew then exactly where it was--back home in his desk! A few anxious hours and \$87 later he was on his plane, only an hour late (on the next flight).

Jesse has been working for his bro-in-law Jerry Miller at Edenville, Pa. while Joni was gone. Anna and Naomi were also to Pa. for several days over the weekend (22nd).

Teacher Laurie Jones was home to Flemingsburg, Ky. last week for the school program and picnic there, leaving Thur. noon and coming home Sat. Her grandfather, Wayne Jones from Va. was her chauffeur.

William Beiler had weekend meetings at Mt. Perry, Ohio this past weekend.

Kevin Yoder

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

April 30--Our church enjoyed special meetings from April 23-29 with Bill Mullet from Holmes County, Ohio as our speaker. In talking with him we discovered that my nephew Mahlon Schmucker's son works for him.

We had two severe thunderstorms over the weekend and it looks as though we may have more rain. More rain will be hard on the strawberry crop as some people are already picking.

Grandson Joseph Miller had his special friend here from Iowa for a day last week. She had come to Harrisonburg on a business trip with her father and Joseph picked her up and brought her to Va. Beach for a quick visit.

Alvin Peachey's were here over the weekend and will stay until Thursday as they are busy helping her daughter put up strawberries.

We are experiencing a breakout of chicken pox in the area. Eli Yoders' and Alvin Zooks' children have it.

My feet and legs which are bothered by arthritis are feeling much better. I took my cane along with me to church on Sunday and didn't have to use it.

Mrs. John H. Miller

ARODA, VIRGINIA

May 7--Farm agents say this is the best beginning of a farming season in a long time as far as moisture and planting conditions go. Corn is about all planted except for some sod planting. Alfalfa hay will soon be cut. An inch of rain the 5th was welcome.

Ernest, Savila and Naomi Lee left for Guatemala Friday, May 4th. They are taking their van and stopping off at various places on their way.

Most of our young folks attended a retreat near McVeytown, Pa. over the weekend.

Omar Yoders of Ephrata, Pa. spent the weekend here with his mother, Amanda, also Horace Stauffers and Catherine Stauffer of Ephrata were visiting Tim Nissleys and attended church.

A new bridge is being built across the Rapidan River near Orange and a dangerous curve will be eliminated where Rt. 230 joins Rt. 15. Work on the widening of Elly Road is progressing now.

Chicken pox made its appearance here with Harry Yoder's children being afflicted with it.

Noah Keim

STUARTS DRAFT, VA.

May 8--Our refugee family, a 29-year-old couple with 4 children, which included a 3½-week-old baby, arrived at the Weyerscave airport Sat. afternoon. They left Lithuania in Nov. and spent 3 months in Rome before they were allowed to come to the U.S. So we have been trying to communicate with them with signs and wonders. They seem to be very reverent Christians. There are quite a number of Russian refugee families in the area. Four of them also came to the airport to meet the new arrivals, which was quite a reunion. The tenant house on the former Norman Yoder farm was furnished for them.

Luis Swartzentrubers are in the process of moving from our trailer to a trailer at Jesse Hershbergers' where they will have more room.

The Mennonite Disaster Service now has the task of working here in Augusta County. On Fri. eve. a tornado with 200 mph winds suddenly swooped down in the Augusta Springs area only about 18 miles to the west, leaving a path of destruction 50 to 100 yards wide and a mile long. It lifted over Little North Mountain and dropped down in Swoope where it destroyed a mobile home, killing two men. A 100-yr.-old churchhouse was damaged beyond repair.

John Summy

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

May 7--Almost an inch of rain over the weekend, cooler.

May 6 was our communion and baptismal services. Three young souls were added to the church. They were Sheldon Yoder (Gordon) and Myron and Jonathan Burkholder (David). Eldon Campbell brought the message and Lloyd Horst had the baptism remarks.

Dinner guests Sunday at Jay and Sallie Rohrer's were Mark and Eunice Wenger, Lawrence and Norma Petre, Wade Knicely, wife and children, JoAnn Carper and writer.

Dwight and Louise Rohrer, Franklin and Anna Lee Burkholder enjoyed a trip to Tenn. to visit friends over the weekend.

Oscar Martin has been released from Charlottesville Hospital where he spent some time. They have a hospital bed for him at home now.

Sat. eve. about 7 o'clock a tornado hit Augusta Springs, Craigsville, Swoope, and Churchville. Two men were killed and 10 or more injured. Peoples Baptist Church in Augusta Springs was badly damaged, also 15 houses. Mennonite Disaster is helping, also other churches.

It was 4 years May 5 that Mrs. John Rohrer (Anna Mae) had her severe stroke. She has been bedfast since. The family and a neighbor, Mrs. Martha Witmer, care for her. She reads a lot and enjoys mail. Her address is Mrs. John S. Rohrer, Rt. 2, Dayton, Va. 22821.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

FREE UNION, VA.

Faith Mission Home

May 8--We had a farewell for Christ Beiler from Pa. We don't have anyone to replace him at Dogwood Cottage as of yet.

Terrell Spears, a resident from Poplar Hill Cottage, has gone home to stay. We have moved Tom Craven up to Poplar Hill in his place.

We have enjoyed a very busy week with 9 fellows and 11 girls here for campweek. Our theme for the week was "Cast your bread upon the waters". We appreciate very much all the work that they did around here.

John was privileged to have his parents, Sam and Anna Stoltzfus and family here for the weekend. Sam shared a message Friday evening for the campers and also Sunday morning.

Sharon enjoyed a visit from a few of her family members. Her brothers Titus Miller, Paul and Erma and family and her sister, Wanda and Dennis Esch and family.

David and Colleen Carr, parents of Miriam, and her sister Deborah (former staff) and brother David (former staff) were here for a short visit.

Regina was privileged to have quite a few of her family here including her parents, Andy and Nancy Beachy, Elam and Syvilla Hostetler, David and Elsie Beachy, Walter Beachy, Mabel Beachy, Jacob Beachy, and Mary Yoder. Also her friend Dana Atchinson.

Other visitors from Pa. included: John and Mary Fisher and family, Mervin Lapp, Carol Esh, Steven King, Sam and Sara Petersheim and family, Susan Kauffman (former staff) and Vannie Gotshall.

Myma Lapp

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

May 9--Lloyd Hartzlers of Harrisonburg were overnight guests of Lyle Shanks last Wed.

John Weavers of Lebanon, Pa. arrived at Darryl Masts' on Sat. for a few days visit, and to see their new grandson.

Raymond and Elmeda Bear flew to Phoenix, Az. Fri., getting back Tues. night. It was an all expense paid trip, compliments of the Clopay Door Co. and a combination of tours, meetings and vacation time. Marcus Bears drove up from Farmington, N.M. to spend some time with Raymonds. Both attended church Sun. at Paradise Valley Menn. Church.

Joe, Merle and Charles Mast were to Wash., D.C. on Sat. They saw the change of guards at the tomb of the unknown soldier, and were at the Museum of Natural History and the Air and Space Museum.

Vernon Masts and Nancy, Glenda Mast (Wayne) and Harvey Masts went to Rutherfordton, N.C. on Fri. for council meeting, baptism and communion services, and also to organize the cong. there which will be known as Pine Ridge Menn. Church. Vernon's van had problems soon after they left for home Sun. eve., so they went back, did repairs Mon., getting home Mon. night. Glenda and Brenda Mast traveled back with them.

Guests of Margaret and Diane Wenger on Sat. and Sun. were their bro. Tim Wenger and family from the Mechanicsville, Md. area. Another sis., John Yoders from Crockett, Ky., also came Sat. Johns divided their time with the Wengers and Wayne Masts, as John is a bro. to Wayne's wife. John spent a couple days in Wash., D.C. this week, so his wife and children were visiting here until today.

Silas Martins went to Nelson Doutrichs' at Myerstown, Pa. on Thurs. eve. Fri. they helped finish up things for Nelson's move. Sat. the Doutrich families plus Rachel's family (Silases and Daniel Hooleys from here and Steve Martins from Hagerstown, Md.) helped load the tractor-trailer. Sat. night Nelson's yard served as a campground with Silases in their motor home, Steves in their pop-up camper and Daniel and Sue in a tent. Sun. they were to Sharon Menn. for church and had dinner and supper together with things the ladies made and took along. Nelson's parents were there for Sun. supper too. Silases, Nelsons, Steves and Daniels all left Monday at 3:30 a.m., having breakfast together at Carlisle, Pa. before parting ways. Nelson drove his pickup and a loaded trailer and Rachel and the children, with Keren Martin, drove the van, headed for their new home at Halsey, Or. A Menn. couple from Pa. planned to leave later Mon. with the semi. Nelsons called last eve. (Tues.) and were at N. Platte, Neb., so have done well traveling.

Walter Weavers, Jerry Weavers and Ellen Weaver were to Pleasant Valley for preaching services Sun., then went to Staunton Menn. Church for a family get-together.

Jonas Mast, Mrs. Lyle Shank and Julie, and Mary Ann Mast drove to eastern Pa. Sunday a.m., taking in the afternoon and eve. sessions of special meetings at Conestoga Menn. Church. They came home yet Sun. night (or early Mon. a.m.).

I visited Uncle Jonas Hershberger at Cumberland on Fri. Yest. I drove down and brought him here for lunch. We also visited at Sunset View Rest Home before I took him back.

Mrs. Marvin Mast and their 17-month-old foster boy flew to In. yest. for a week's visit with her family, Joseph Grabers at Montgomery.

Ellen Weaver flew to Wi. yest., planning to travel to Duchess, Alberta with Clifford Schrock for the Fri. wedding of Marilyn Seimens and David Martin. Ellen had lived with the Isaac Martin family in the Dominican Republic.

Mrs. James E. Mast

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

May 16--Since we had a rainy day Thurs. which halted field work, Marvin Mast and their 3 children left for Montgomery, In. Thurs. eve. to surprise his wife Martha, who flew out last week. Marvin and children drove home Mon. and Martha flew home Tues. as planned.

Kenneth Hooleys and 3 youngest boys traveled to Wellsboro, Pa. Fri. p.m. for a weekend with their son, Dwight Hooleys. They had Sun. dinner at Kenneth Martins' and supper with Willis Martin Srs. They came home Mon.

Steve Masts were at Phyllis' sis., Enos Lehman's at Chambersburg, Pa. from Fri. eve. to Mon. p.m. On Sun. the rest of the family joined them: Mother Ruth Hoover, sisters Rhoda and Lynda and bro. Caarl, all from Myerstown, Pa.

Margaret and Diane Wenger traveled to Pa. Fri. p.m. for the Sat. wedding of their cousin Curtis Grice and Rhoda Weaver at Dohners. All the relatives on their side of the family were together for Sat. supper at Barry Zimmerman's of Lititz. The girls went to Mechanicsville, Md. from Sat. eve. to Mon., staying with their Aunt Lucy Grice and their Grandma Stauffer.

James and I and 5 of our children, plus Timothy Masts and their 2 children, drove to Mark Torkelsons' at Keymar, Md. on Fri. eve. Sat. we all headed to Pa. Mark's children and our Dorothy stayed with Rose Torkelson, while the rest of us went to the wedding of my nephew Leon Zook and Missi Hudzik at the Tel Hai Retirement Center chapel.

The Schrock relatives had supper at Marvin Zooks' near Honeybrook.

This included Paul Schrock of Scottsdale, Pa., Brent Schrock of Ephrata, John Schrock of Lancaster, Luke Hursts of Richmond, Va., Mark Torkelsons and children of Md., and Timothys and us. We went back to Mark's Sat. eve., attending church at Hopewell and coming home Sun. eve.

Jerry Weavers were with Ruth Ann's family, John Rohrsers at Dover, Pa. from Sat. to Sun. eve., and to church at Kralltown.

Joe and Janel Weaver and Delbert Mast were to Rutherfordton, N.C. for the weekend.

Coming this way were the Michael Reber family, Rhoda Amstutz and Lela Birky from Crockett, Ky. Michaels were with her sis., Lloyd Troyers at Farmville Sat. eve. to Sun. p.m., then overnight here Sun. at his aunt & uncle's, Marvin Hertzlers. Rhoda had Sat. dinner at Jonas Masts' and Sun. dinner at Daniel Weavers', being with Walter Weavers the rest of the weekend. Lela was at Jonas Masts'. They left Mon. a.m. with a stop at Charlottesville for a doctor's appointment for Lela.

Joseph Lehman's from near Harrisonburg were in church Sun. a.m. and had dinner with their son, Leroy Lehman's.

Dennis Millers came up from Rutherfordton, N.C. Sun. eve. and he is working in the truss shop again this week.

Nina and Ethan Knepp of Pittsville, Md. had been to N.C. for the weekend and came here on their way home, spending a couple hours at Raymond Bear's Sun. night before heading out for home at 11:30 p.m.

Hazel Hooley and Ruth Burkholder of Pa. arrived at Hazel's son Kenneth Hooleys' on Mon. eve. They plan to stay around until next Tues. or Wed.

Fred Mast is up from N.C. this week to crust out his broiler houses and get ready for new chicks.

Jerrold Hooley, Amos Melton, Rhonda Hooley and Myrna Mast were to school last Thurs. They will be the new first graders this fall.

A correction on my May 2 letters: Jonathan Mast's baby is named Nora Lucy instead of Lora.

Mrs. James E. Mast

CHESAPEAKE, VA

May 16--Beautiful weather, 88°.

James & Viola Dickerson are keeping two little girls, Sheryl & Rachel, while their mother, Jeanette Zook, went to her home in Calif. to take a course in school work.

Harold & Ronnie Lehman took their barbecue cookers to Mt. Joy, Pa. for one eve. of southern barbecue, for the sale at the Kraybill Menn. School.

Jacob & Rosa Lehman were in Harrisonburg, Va. for the conference at the Lindale Church on "How To Grow Old". Rosa was heard to have said, "Nature will take care of that all too soon."

Sat. p.m. they visited in the Mennonite Home, where their friend Lydia Miller has been many years. She didn't seem to know them at first, then Rosa remembered that she always liked to talk German, so they started talking and in a flash her eyes lit up and she said, "Oh, you are Jek & Rosa" and for about 1½ hours they had a good visit reliving the days when they lived together at Fentress. Jacob visited Walter Shaddinger (deaf). He is now over 90 years old, and he cannot see to write anymore.

Hazel Wenger is in fair health. She is also at the Mennonite Home.

Sun. they went to a mountain church where some of their northern friends go and over dinner Anna Good from Dryden was also there. She has come home now and she is living with her mother at McGaheysville, Va.

On their way home they spent the night at the Broadwater Home, close to Farmville where her sister Edna Kramer is living at the present time. Also there were Edna & Rosa's youngest brothers, Emanuel Troyer with Evelynne, his wife, from Shipshewana, Ind.

On Mother's Day was dedication service also for two baby girls, Michael & Annette Miller's dau. Samantha, and Sarah Ann, dau. of James & Linda (Miller) Yoder.

Weekend of May 6, guests with Menno Yoders were Anna & my sister-in-law Salome & her son Joe & Dorcas Yoder & dau. Amanda, Grantsville, Md. They live on the home place, in the granddaddy house (5th generation) in the yard where Joe's sister Judy & mother Salome still live in the big farm house. When my dad, Ezra M. Yoder passed away in 1939, brother Irvin & Salome bought the farm. Then when Irvin (Anna's twin bro.) passed away, Joes bought the farm, but they expect to move in the farm house now and Salome picked me up at our sewing in p.m. to go along to visit Barbara Slabaugh and also Ira Miller, who will be 96 in June.

Menno & Anna Yoder took me along to Stuarts Draft, Va. to attend the "Harvest Team" Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry Banquet, in the evening, at the Stuarts Draft High School. Menno & Sadie Kinsinger (bakery) furnished and served a delicious evening meal to over 340. Mennos spent the night with the Allen Beilers and I with my niece Naomi (Crist) and Ernie Showalter and son Steven Edward, 2 months old.

On the way home we went through Cumberland, Va. to visit Jonas Hershberger, but nobody home. Crist & Sara Mast, Regina Mast (Mose) and Robin Hershbergers were also at the banquet.

Mrs. Francis E. Miller (Edna) fell and tore a rotary cuff in her shoulder which required surgery by drilling a hole in the bone to fasten the muscle to the bone, which means to have her arm in a sling and rest it on a pillow also for 6 weeks. Their address is 536 Blackwater Rd., Chesapeake, Va. 23322.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

May 18--It's been very windy the last couple of days. Last week in the Broadway area they had hail as big as golf balls.

Recent visitors in the Edgar Landis home were the John Yoder family from Crockett, Ky. John is a brother to Mrs. Landis. John's mission was to Washington, D.C. to look for pictures to be used in Rod and Staff publications.

The 11th, Friday evening, Michael Rebers visited in the Edgar Landis home. Lela Birky and Rhoda Amstutz were with the Rebers. These all were from Crockett, Ky. There was an open house visiting for any who cared to. Mrs. Michael Reber (Vada Kulp) grew up in this area as a girl. On Sat. their company was Edgar's sister and husband, Paul and Katherine Clemans from Harleyville, Pa.

Marvin Strites, New Oxford, Pa., were visitors in the Ronald Mellinger and our home over the weekend.

We were greatly surprised in receiving a phone call Sunday morning from the Elmer and David Showalters. They had traveled straight through from Miami, Florida and needed a place to be refreshed before going with us to church. Bro. Elmer had devotions for us. Also with this load was Paula Rohrer who had been to Paraguay to visit her grandparents for the past 3 months. Elmer and Helen moved back to the States, and their son Davids will be visiting in the States for the summer. Elmers and David Showalter's load, Marvin Strites and our family were all at David Fishers' for dinner. There were 34 around the table.

May 16 was the last day of school, with the picnic being the 19th.

This weekend Joyce Hunsecker and her special friend Russell Hartman are going to Joyce's home for her sister's wedding on Sat.

Amos and Carrie Strite

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**Princess Ann Area**

May 15--No rain since Fri. evening and that was quite a storm. The rains have been hard on the strawberries.

Sun. we had communion. Our bishop and wife, Samuel and Clara Hostetler, Min. Wayne and Edna Schrock came from Aroda.

Mon., Regina, our granddau., Crist and I, went to Stuarts Draft, Va. to take in the The Gospel Echoes banquet. Robin and Joann Hershberger also came a little later.

Thurs. evening we had a surprise for Martha Mast (son John's wife) for her birthday, with ice cream, cake, etc.

Chicken pox is making the rounds here. Alvin Zooks' little one and Charlie Bowden's Amy have it. Sarah Mast

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

May 13--Visitors in church today were Dan and Phyllis Shetler and 2 little boys. He is the son of Uriah Shetlers. Dans live in Ohio, but are leaving for Honduras, C.A. in June.

Our last day of school is May 23rd. Our school trip is on May 22, and our graduation day for Carl Hertzler and Sharon Elizabeth Layman is on May 25. Our school picnic is May 26th.

On May 7th we had communion in our church. Visitors were the Wayne Weaver family. Myron Wengerd, and his bro. James were here also, plus Dan Shetlers.

Eli Troyer is doing pretty well. I understood he has one pin taken out and has 2 more to be taken out as time goes on.

Junior Troyers have now left for the state of Maine. I guess that is where they plan to make their home.

Lloyd Troyers plan to leave some time after school, also Noah Swartzes. Lloyds will be going to Mo. and Noahs to West Va.

Mary Jane Yoder

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA**Farmville Christian Fellowship**

May 13--A few small tornados touched down in the state during the last week.

Ezra Troyer Jrs. have completed their move to Maine. Their address is: China, Maine 04926, c/o General Delivery. Eli Troyer and Al Buzcek took a load of things to Maine for Ezras.

Visitors in services this morning were Isaac Stoltzfuses and David Masts, Catlett, Va.; Michael Rebers, Crockett, Ky.; Rachel Yoder and most of the Joni Shetler family, Gap Mills, W. Va.

Amanda Troyer is settled in with her son Calvin Troyer in Stuarts Draft now, her address being Route 1, Box 673-C, Stuarts Draft, Va. 24477.

A field trip for the school is planned for tomorrow to Holy Lands, U.S.A. Seth Miller, Chambersburg, Pa. will be our guide on the trip.

Paul Schwartz

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

May 15--Just what is a normal spring around here? After living in the community for over 12 yrs., we are further from a conclusion than ever, except the "unusual" seems to be the norm. The fact that we have not had a frost for nearly a month is very unusual, especially when you consider all the cool weather we've had since then.

We are glad for Jadon Shetler's presence for a few weeks. He's from Chambersburg, Pa.

Phillip Cohens from Altamont, Tn. were in our midst from Thur. eve. (May 3) to Tue. morning, attending our Sun. morning services and hymn sing Sun. eve. The same weekend, Jadon and Jesse Shetler were to the conference meetings at Swanton, Md.

Rachel Yoder was also to Swanton Thu. and Fri. Sat. she and Martha went to Pa. for the weekend.

Mrs. Ezra Byler injured her arm several months ago. After several tests, she just recently discovered it was broken. So now she favors that arm in a sling.

Phillip Schrock's were to Chambersburg, Pa. last Mon. (May 7th) to get a haybine.

Joni Shetler was at Flemingsburg, Ky. this weekend for weekend meetings. The same weekend the rest of the Shetlers and Rachel Yoder were to a reunion at Farmville, Va.

Also gone that weekend were Nancy Zook and the Lapps, traveling together to Pa. Mark Soukups were to a school reunion in Ky. Kevin Yoder

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

May 14--We welcome Tryphena Beachy from Tenn. to our staff. She was accompanied by her parents Roman and Ada Beachy. We appreciated having Roman share with us Sun. morning. We also enjoyed weekend services on counseling by Myron Hosteter and Don Billet from Pa.

Carl Miller and Elvin Stoltzfus both spent almost two weeks at home. Elizabeth Miller and Cindy were home for the weekend. Ruth also spent the weekend in Ohio.

A few of the men from the church went to Belleville for Mon. and Tues. to assist with building Anna Kuhn's house.

The high school students from Antrim Mennonite School were here for a short visit after a day in D.C.

Glenn enjoyed a visit from his parents, Dave Kauffmans, and his brothers.

Delores (former staff) and her sister Rose Peachy from Pa. were here to visit, as well as Esther Ruth Townsend (former staff). Myma Lapp

ARODA, VIRGINIA**Mountain View Nursing Home**

May 15--This week is National Nursing Home Week. We started it off with an open house on Sunday afternoon.

Sun. eve. most of the staff gave a program at Pequea Church in Lanc., Pa. Those who had off on Mon. stayed overnight and spent the day there with friends.

Myron Yutzy had the pleasure of having his friend Linda Gingerich here for a week. Jerry Yoder's friend Lisa Thomas also visited over the weekend. Then most of the couples among the staff went out together for supper one evening.

Speaking of couples, it is not uncommon to see couples develop within a VS setting much as this. But now we do have a couple that is rather unusual. George Summison, whose father William Summison, is a resident here, and Virginia Moore, whose husband died here about 1½ years ago, plan to marry in August.

Hilda Zook has returned from Europe, but is presently staying by her parents in Pa., due to her father being very ill.

Brenda Apel's son, Stephen, is also sick and will be having a number of medical tests done tomorrow.

Vera Gingerich's bro. Wayne and family visited here yesterday.

Karen Troyer from Kansas joined us for the summer as activities director, but will return to teaching school in Whiteville, Tn. in the fall. So we continue to look for an activities director.

Nora Berry, who was a resident here about 11 years, died last Tues. morn.

Part of our road, 607, is under construction, also a short section of Rt. 15 going to Orange; putting in a new bridge across the Rapidon River by Madison Mills.

Our central air conditioning is being installed in the nursing home now.

Linda Nissley

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

May 14--On Tues. afternoon the members of the Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church at Steeles Tavern stood outside their church comforting one another, because on Mon. afternoon their minister was stricken with a fatal heart attack and now, 24 hours later, they were watching as their place of worship was being heavily damaged by fire. In the forenoon the Vesuvius Baptist Church was destroyed by fire. Both fires were set by an arsonist, who was later arrested, claiming he was making a sacrifice to his Egyptian god, Osiris, the god of the underworld.

Edwin Summys left for Bedford, Pa. Fri. right after school to be with bro. LeRoys, returning Sun. afternoon. Dau. Susan stayed at home to help the hired hand, Kenneth Troyer, with the chores and be with the grandparents, Ben Peachey and John Summys.

Marvin Chupps' baby has very low resistance and was admitted to the Charlottesville hospital again on Thur. and released today. They diagnosed her problem as spot pneumonia.

Sam Yoders enjoyed a visit from his bro. Kories from McVeytown, Pa. over Sun., who also came to visit their son Sanford who is at Faith Mission Home. They attended services at Pilgrim Fellowship. Other visitors there were Gloria Stutzman and Joyce Yoder from Plain City.

John Summy

ARODA, VIRGINIA

May 14--The rains this past week caused some flooding and a few roads were closed. A few gardens were washed out and fishing was not quite as good in some ponds. Farmers are cutting alfalfa hay which is a good crop.

There seem to be more threats to Christian day schools and to religious activity in public places lately. A family with 8 young children who came into the community are teaching their children at home, but it remains to be seen whether they can continue.

Ira Thomas and wife of Goshen, Ind. visited their daughter and family, Marvin and Sharon Weirich over the weekend. Also present at services were several young men from Ontario.

Samuel Hochstetlers and Wayne Shrocks were at Norfolk to assist in communion services.

My wife, Sarah, has bronchitis and a severe cough.

Noah Keim

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

May 18--We are having very pleasant weather for hay making and silo filling.

Son Jerry had surgery on his right arm as an outpatient, Mon., and won't be able to do anything for 6 weeks. He suffered intensely the first few days. Their boys are good help when not in school. Walter, 14, is an excellent field hand.

Jerrys are enjoying living in their new house. A housewarming and grocery shower was held for them on their lawn Mon. night, May 7. Sarah's mother, Mrs. Dan Hershberger, sisters and sisters-in-law Rachel Yoder, Barbara, Salina and Mary Ellen Hershberger from Stuarts Draft and Clara Glick from here came the week before to help get their kitchen in order, clean some windows and do about the last of the painting.

Roy Ulrich Sr. had a biopsy taken of a tumor on his neck that has been diagnosed as malignant. He also has a heart condition and Parkinson's disease. The family is trying to decide whether he should have surgery or not. He hadn't been very well, but perked up again. Last Sat. their son-in-law, James Zehr, flew them to Pa. for the funeral of a friend.

Pres. Bush and wife Barbara were in

Lynchburg last Sat. where Bush spoke at the graduation services at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, drawing a crowd of around 16,000. Of course, this called for heavy security. George Bush and Jerry are supposedly close friends. Grandson Jon Alan, who is a student there, had the privilege to sing with a group after the speech. Dau. Twila is still rather proudly displaying a sunburn received from the hours of waiting in the sun. Everybody had to be seated an hour before the service began. This is the first that a president visited Lynchburg in 84 years. More of us would have been glad for the opportunity to see him, but had too many other seemingly important things to do.

One more week of actual school will bring that to a close with a field trip planned for Tues. after Memorial Day.

Dave Gingerich, Bruce Ramer, Jon Alan Zehr and Kelvin Good left yest. for a singing tour to Md., Dela. and parts of Va.

Mrs. Leon Yoder (Martha) seems to have a case of Lyme's disease. Doctors haven't fully diagnosed it, but are treating it as such. Her joints are swollen and muscles very sore. She's not able to do much work. They have 5 children, Norman (17), Alisa (14), Ivan (10), Galen (6) and Nathan (1). So she does have good help. She does a lot of art work for C.L.P. and her fingers are too sore to stay at it long.

Bro. Robert is not gaining back his strength from his last relapse.

Ernest & Lovina Yoder

CATLETT, VIRGINIA

May 9--Communion services were April 29th. My wife and son Philip couldn't be present because our plans had been made earlier to be in the Holy Lands.

During my work at the airport we became a good friend of an Arab whose parents and family live on the top of the Mt. of Olives. Last year when my friend and his family went home to visit his parents he mentioned to them about our wanting to visit Israel and when they returned they told us that if and when we plan to be in Jerusalem they would be glad to take care of us, and that is what they did.

It was Sun. night, April 22nd. We left Dulles Int. Airport on British Airway, a direct flight to London, on a 747. We arrived on Mon. morning around 9:15 after flying all night. Since our flight to Tel Aviv wouldn't leave till around 10:00 p.m. we took time to do some sightseeing around London since it was my wife's and Philip's first time in London.

After enjoying the day in and around the city we went back to the airport for our flight to Tel Aviv. It took around 6 hrs. We arrived there around 5:00 a.m. and went through customs, then went outside to check on our driver who was to pick us up there. We waited about 1½ hrs. until they arrived and soon we were on our way to Jerusalem, about an hour or maybe a little longer.

When we arrived at their home we were welcomed as a part of their family and were treated the very best.

The place where we stayed is right on top of the Mt. of Olives and from their roof top (which is cement) you can see the city of Jerusalem one way and the other way you can see the Dead Sea and at night the lights over at Jordan.

Things towards the Dead Sea and Jericho sure are dry and brown.

It was while we were on our way over that their grandmother died (Monday morning) so they were preparing for her burial when we arrived Tues. morning. Tues. afternoon they had to bury her. It was quite interesting for us to observe how they wrapped her in white linens, then put her on an open wooden box to carry her to the grave which was just across the street and up on a hill.

They requested that I take quite a few

pictures to bring them back for her sons and grandsons that live here in the U.S. so they could see the funeral that way.

They said that they weren't just too sure how old she was, but that she was right around 100 years old. Then that eve., and for 2 nights following, they had a time of mourning when only the men came together, then after that they do it once a week and later once a month for awhile.

One of the sons of the family where we stayed drives a city bus in Jerusalem, so when he was off he took us around to many of the interesting places to see, such as the birth place of Jesus, the garden tomb, the tomb of Mary which is 45 steps down in the ground in the garden of Gethsemane, the place of the Ascension, Damascus Gate, Dome of the Rock, The Upper Room, the Wailing Wall, Jericho, Mt. Zion, Church of John the Baptist and the Dead Sea.

The place where we stayed is within walking distance of the place of the Ascension and one of the brothers is in charge there at times for the tourists.

We had the privilege of traveling around with Lorene Miller and his group one day and enjoyed that very much.

On our return flight we used Pan Am and came by Paris, France. Our dau. Regina and dau.-in-law Robin were waiting at the airport when we arrived.

May 17 - Joel Barkman was at home in Ohio last week for Mother's Day, but both again returned.

Mrs. Lydia Byler (Grandma Byler) is not doing too well at present. She isn't able to go to church anymore and is hardly able to talk very loud either.

Sunday eve. the high school from here plus Ken Kauffmans and Allen Williams left for Pa. where they traveled with one of the high schools from there to New York City by bus. They left on Mon. morn. and returned late that night.

Mon. eve. my wife and I went to Stuarts Draft to the Gospel Echoes banquet.

We have had some real good rains. Strawberries are starting to ripen.

Alvin W. Miller

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

May 21--First cutting of hay is being made. Strawberries are appearing and peas will soon be ready.

On Sat. a public auction was held at Eli Yoder's to sell Dan Chupp's surplus accumulations and other consignments. Mark and Becky Chupp, who are at Sunnyhaven, came for the sale, bringing along Michael and Judith, whose parents are Alton Beachys. So Grandpa Rufus Beachys had help to get some housecleaning and lawn mowing done.

Our Russian refugee family, Yevgeny Jodko, are making progress with the English language. Yevgeny is the Russian version of Eugene. They are a pleasant family to work with. They were also invited to attend Pilgrim Fellowship's school picnic which was held at Sherando Lake on Fri.

There were several from here that went to attend the ordination at Deer Lodge, Tn. on Sun. where David Schrock, son of Alvin Schrock of here was ordained. Those that went were Paul Hershbergers and his mother Sarah and Alvin Schrock who left early Sat. morn. Andy Yoders and Philip Schrock's left Sun. forenoon.

Noah Schwartz and family from Farmville arrived here Sat. eve. and Joseph Summys from Rochelle, Va. on Sun., so we all attended the Schrock family gathering at the Mt. Zion school-house Sun. afternoon. William Beilers from Gap Mills, W.Va. also came in the afternoon.

Pilgrim Fellowship had plenty of visitors on Sun. The Noah Schwartz and Joseph Summy families, Abe Peachey's and son Rays and family from Lewisburg, Pa. and another son, William, from Mission Home, also Clyde Yoders from Kinzers, Pa.

Supper guests at Ben Hershbergers' on Sun. eve. were Marvin and Nancy Kauffman and Sanford Yoder, workers from Mission Home.

Kenny and Iretta Beachy from Belvidere, Tn. spent a week here, Kenny shearing sheep and Iretta working at Milmont Greenhouses. Melvin Miller from Ind. also came, helping Kenny.

Sam Yoder is now able to do light work again. John Summy

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

This is a very warm day and the temperature hit 90 degrees. My daughter-in-law Christine and family went pea picking and they picked a bushel for me. We had 4 bushels total and had just settled down to begin to shell them when two ladies from the church arrived with a pea sheller and in about an hour or so we were finished shelling peas!

On Sunday evening our youth gave a program at the church. Visitors were Violetta Beiler and her son from North Carolina. Violetta is Rachel Beiler's mother.

The Victor Overholt family are home from their trip to Kentucky. They are making plans to go to South Carolina for a Mast reunion in June.

On Sat., David Keim, my grandson will graduate from CBN University School of Law. He will be going to Richmond, Va. to work beginning August 15. Richmond is only 2 hours from here.

May 16 was Amanda Beiler's birthday. Rachel Beiler and Linda Zook had dinner with them to help them celebrate.

May 22--Our guests in church on Sunday were the Lloyd Troyer family and some friends of theirs from Farmville, Va.

On Sat. we attended the graduation of

my grandson David Keim at CBN University. The commencement speaker was from Yugoslavia who listed the phenomenal things that are occurring in the world today and especially the opportunities that Eastern Europe presents to the church for evangelization. We had a reception afterwards for David, his family and friends as a number of the Keims were here.

Joyce and Glen Green and daughters and Mrs. Bruce Green (Glen's mother) were here for the weekend. They are from Harrisonburg, Va. Joyce is a foster daughter of Janet Keim.

Those from our congregation who were gone for the weekend were Rosemary and Lois Kauffman and Linda Zook who went to Penn Valley Retreat.

My sister-in-law, Mary Miller, has a new diagnosis regarding her illness. They do not feel that she has a problem with her heart and her coughing is some better though she still has a problem catching her breath at times.

Mrs. John H. Miller

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

May 23--Sun. and Mon. were humid, with rain Mon.

Uncle Jonas Hershberger has been at Sunset View Home for a week now, and will likely be there for the summer. He really likes it and says the days go by so fast.

Silas Martins, Danny and Jewel, left by motor home Thurs. eve. for Seymour, Mo. where they took in the annual fellowship mtgs. They headed home after the Sun. evening service, arriving early Tues. at 2 a.m.

Some from here were at the Logging Expo in Richmond on Fre. A van load from NC was up for it too, and we had a surprise 2-hr. visit with Lloyd Masts and DeVon Ebys who stopped in here while Arnold Hooleys tended to business in this area. They headed home yet that eve.

Those going to Rutherfordton, NC for the weekend were: Jonas, Mary Ann, Mildred, Carol, Delbert and Melvin Mast, Joe Shank, Carl Miller, Jennifer Hertzler, the Floyd Mast family and the Raymond Bear family. All of these took in the school picnic there on Sat. Martha Hertzler, who taught school in NC, plans to arrive home today. She plans to go back this fall.

Our 9 children at home and I went to the Harrisonburg area on Sat. for Pleasant Valley's school picnic, and to bring our dau. Lois home.

Miriam and Marie Mast were to Pa., leaving Thurs. and coming back Tues. They got in on the special weekend mtgs. at Shirksville where Paul Landis preached.

Visitors in church Sun. were some girls from Pa. and Md. who were around for the weekend. Hazel Hostetler visited Rebekah Mast, Twila Hostetter was with Katherine Hertzler, Erma Martin visited Ellen Weaver and Jerry Weavers, and Mary Rudolph was with Patti Sloan. Hazel, Mary, Patti and Margaret and Diane Wenger had Sun. supper with Rebekah. Erma, Jerrys and Ellen had supper at Walter Weavers', and Katherine, Twila and Brenda, Lois, Audrey, Dorothy and Glenda Mast had a picnic supper by a local pond.

Mrs. Noah Weaver and Jennifer, Mrs. LeRoy Lehman and Edwin, Mrs. Lyle Shank, Mrs. Marvin Mast and Mark, Mrs. Leslie Melton and Amos and Lucas, and 6-yr.-old Myrna and I accompanied grades 1-4 and teacher Lisa Mast to Maymont Park in Richmond yest. We enjoyed hiking and seeing the animals and nature center although it was quite a chilly day.

Rebekah Mast and Brenda Cook took Patti Sloan to the airport yest. She was flying to Atlanta to meet a group going to Guatemala. They plan to be gone 2½ weeks.

Sam Weavers welcomed their 2nd son yest. John Robert weighed 7 lbs. 14½ ozs. at birth. Grandparents are Clarence Weavers (local) and John Brubakers of Lancaster, Pa.

We expect Ed and Lucene Plett and baby of Mexico to arrive in this area today. I believe they plan to "headquarter" at Nelson Swartzentrubers'.

Mrs. James E. Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA

May 21--Strawberry season is here. People are starting to pick berries at Ray and Marrietta Shank's 6-acre field. There will be fewer berries this year, but good size and quality. Much hay is being made and much hay was left over from last year.

We thank *The Budget* staff and owners for putting out such a beautiful 100th edition. This writer was raised at Charm (1912) and acquainted with all the areas covered. The teachers at Charm school were especially interesting, Ruth Cox and Minnie Stengel, as I had forgotten their names. Later Louise Kaser taught me for 5 years at Pleasant Hall near Saltillo. She was one of the best of teachers.

Roy Yoder of Denver, Colo. has moved here and is making his home with his mother, Amanda Yoder. He has a job with the post office at Charlottesville.

Joe Summys were to Stuarts Draft to church Sun. morn., the 20th.

Sarah, my wife, is having bronchial trouble now, but was able to be in church parttime.

Kenneth and Ann Roller were taken in as members and there are 3 under instruction, Tim Yoder, Judy Miller and Connie Nisly.

Noah Keim

FREE UNION, VA.**Faith Mission Home**

May 21--We had a triple farewell for Mary Ellen Yoder, Ohio, Myma Lapp and Rose King, both of Pa. Brenda Miller, Va., has replaced Mary Ellen as craft teacher; Verna Yoder, Pa., is training assistant in Myma's stead; and Sharon Miller, Ohio, is responsible for the group of girls that Rose had. Coming for the farewell were Myma's parents, the John Lapps, Rose's parents, the Jonas Kings, Pa., and James Mast, presently working for Choice Books of northern Virginia in Fairfax.

Benny and Leona Mast announce the birth of David Nathaniel on May 18, their 4th child. Leona's sister Marie Beachy brought their mother Mary Beachy from Ohio to help out for several days till Anna Marie Mast comes.

Amanda Raber's niece Nancy, the David Fehr family, Pa., visited here this weekend. Also visiting from Pa. was former staff Paul Ruhl.

The David Yoders invited relatives from Aroda in honor of Marie's sister Treva's visit with some of her family, the Bill Zooks, Del.

The Mark Kuepfers and Merle Beachys traveled to York, Pa. for Sun. evening where Merle had been asked to speak.

Today is our annual strawberry day. Our crew picked over 2,000 quarts of berries at Ray Shank's patch at Aroda.

Fri. eve. was the closing program for the school for the church families' children. Sat. they had their picnic at Big Meadows. All 4 teachers have agreed to teach again next year: Ivan Peachey, Pa., Linda Wenger, Pa., Kay Raber, local, and Lisa Gingerich, Ark. Linda and Lisa are planning to go home for the summer, but Ivan is staying in the area, working for Eugene Schlabach.

Freida Miller (Ralph's sister) and Mrs. Irene Kandel, Ohio, visited here briefly last week.

Linda Rose Miller

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

May 22--We have had an inch of welcome rain already this week.

David Burkholder brought an inspiring message Sun. We have 20 some Ukrainians attending church now, including a new baby girl named Julia. They are settled in houses and seem to be happy and content. They love tea. I gave some of them some plants of garden tea that they planted and were happy for it.

The first lady that came wanted a cape dress and now some others want them, too. They were given patterns and are making some. Their children are doing well in school.

May 30th is planned for our church fellowship supper at Bob and Miriam Shenk's farm.

Gordon and Norma Yoder and family, Richard and Brenda Rohrer and Clint; Oren and Cheryl Heatwole Jr. and Donna and Sheldon are leaving June 2 for a two-week trip to Alaska. Gordon has a brother and family living up there.

Mrs. Byard Knicely needs more tests before they give her more treatment. She looks and feels well since her surgery.

Happy to report that James Knicely has been able to attend church several times recently. Martha stays with him in anteroom as he needs attention real often.

Nelson Shank has also attended several times since his stroke.

Some of the large strawberry patches are open this week for the first.

Mrs. Roy Burkholder had flu over a month ago. Seems she can't shake it off. Is some better last few days.

Mrs. Herman Burkholder is planning to spend a few days this week with her family in Pa. She is traveling up with a neighbor lady.

Ellis Beery, wife and 4 sons from Puerto Rico came last week to spend 2 months with his and her parents. They left this week to spend 3 weeks with her parents at Black Duck, Minnesota.

Min. Warren Showalter had some trouble with one eye, but is improved and he was able to have the text on Sun.

Could Mrs. Barbara Weber of Canada please let me know how Mrs. Aaron Diefenbacher is? We wrote together for years. I wrote at Christmas and didn't hear from her. Maybe she isn't able to write.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

May 30--Rita Mast met Louise Witmer and her 3 foster children Thurs. eve. at Stuarts Draft, traveling on yet that night for Mo. for the Sat. wedding of Claire Zimmerman (Wellsboro, Pa.) and Delilah Miller. Louise and Rita headed home Mon. eve. Waynes went to Staunton around noon yest. to pick up Rita.

Mrs. John Brubaker had come last Wed. to help her daughter (Sam Weavers) following the arrival of their new baby. John came for the weekend. His wife, Ann, is staying all of this week yet. The baby has jaundice now, so is being checked daily by the doctor.

Philip Weavers of Carbon Hill, Oh. arrived at Clarence Weavers' Fri. night, surprising them. Sat. eve. the Weavers (Clarences, Noahs, Philips, Davids, Daniels, Sams, Joes and Paul) had supper together in Sam's shop.

The weather was threatening Fri., but plans went ahead for the school picnic, which turned out all right, as the rain held off until 5 p.m. we had rain galore, ending Tues. with at least 5" falling.

Visitors at the picnic Sat. were Thomas Pilands of Suffolk, Ed Pletts of Mexico, Tim and Miriam Reinford of Pa., Nina and Ethan Knepp of Md. and Dean Masts, Arnold Hooleys and Ivan Mast of N.C.

visitors in church Sun. were the Pilands, Dean Masts, Ed Pletts, John Brubaker and son and another boy (Alex) of Lancaster, Pa., and Philip Weavers of Ohio.

Lots of our people were missing Sun. as they attended the annual Brotherhood Meetings at Pleasant Valley. Going there were LeRoy Lehmans, Silas Martins, Vernon Masts, Nelson Hooleys, Joe Weavers, Daniel Hooleys, Mervin Hooleys, Brenda, Lois, Charles, Audrey, Andrew, Dorothy, Marcus and Beverly Mast, Lisa Bear, Eldon Hooley, Donnie, Martha, Katherine and Jennifer Hertzler and Delbert, Melvin, Carlos and Merle Mast.

Nelson Hooleys brought her sis., Elaine Strubhar and 2 daughters of Duchess, Alberta home with them. She plans to stay until next Wednesday.

Ed Pletts had Sun. dinner at her grandparents', Harvey Masts'. Also there were Joe, Carol and Rebekah Mast, David Weavers, Steve Masts and Nelson Swartzentrubers. Eds had Mon. supper with Timothy Masts. Yest. they went to Wash., D.C. where Lucene's Uncle Mark Torkelson met them to tend to some business.

Kenneth Hooleys and 3 youngest boys traveled to Ken Weavers' at Rutherfordton, N.C. on Sun. p.m. with plans to go on to Ga. on business Tues., while the boys stayed in N.C.

Jay and Lucy Martin of Lebanon Co., Pa. had a Mon. overnight visit with Steve Masts.

Wesley Mullet of Gallipolis, Oh. arrived Sun. night, planning to work for Eldon Hooley for a couple weeks clearing land and excavating. He is staying with Eldon in his camper-trailer, and having his meals with Raymond Bears.

Fred Masts had plans to move back to their house here from N.C., yesterday. Their next step will be to line things up here and pack up for their move to Mexico.

Silas Martins plan to go to the airport this eve. to meet dau. Karen who has been in Or. the past few weeks.

Mrs. James E. Mast

ARODA, VIRGINIA**Mountain View Nursing Home**

May 30--We have said good-bye to 3 of our staff, James Miller, Anna Dietz and Rachel Webb.

Viola Yoder was on vacation in Indiana nearly a week.

Connie Schrock also was on vacation last week, helping in her bro.-in-law Ray Shank's strawberry field. On Fri. we picked strawberries for the nursing home. Late frost cut the berries back quite a bit this year. We got only about 1/2 the usual amount.

Hilda Zook continues staying by her parents in Pa. Her dad is still in the hospital and is very low.

Brenda Apel's son Steven's illness was diagnosed as a bleeding ulcer in the stomach, causing anemia. He is doing much better. He turned 18 on Sat.

Melody Yoder plans to be home in Whiteville, Tn. several days this weekend.

Those going to the Christian administrative meeting Thurs. eve. and Fri. in Plain City, Ohio are Eldon Hochstetler.

Paul Overholt, Ina Troyer, Susan Yoder, Karen Troyer and Linda Nissley. Ina will be leaving today and return Mon. to have some time with her family while she's there. Eldons will also travel separately and be in Hartville, Ohio for Sun. with Lois' parents.

Angela Miller will be visiting her bro. James at Hillcrest Home in Ark. a week. Linda Nisslev

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

May 29--Cool, rainy weather has been our lot lately. We had 2 1/2" of rain in the last few days.

We enjoyed our first strawberries for the season last week in the form of several delicious (Mom's style) pies.

Joni and Anna Shetler were to Deer Lodge, Tn. for the ordination there last weekend (20th) where David Schrock was ordained.

William Beilers and several of the children were to Stuarts Draft, Va. Sun. afternoon (20th) for a Schrock reunion.

The school here concluded their year last Friday. Their last week was punctuated by the school trip on Mon. and the school program and picnic on Thur. Mon. they visited the Exhibition Coal Mine in Beckley and the New River Gorge Bridge about 20 miles north of Beckley. With an arch 1,700 feet long and a total length of 3,031 feet, this bridge is the largest arch bridge in the world.

Last week, Laurie Jones from Flemingsburg, Ky. who has been our younger grade schoolteacher for the last two years, was received as a member in the congregation here.

Kelly Hunts from Va. visited their sister, Rachel Yoder, last Fri.

Jerry Millers from Edenville, Pa. attended our communion services Sun. Jadon and Jesse hauled 5 tanks down for Jerry Sat. and Jerrys took the trucks back yesterday.

Joni and Anna Shetler are in Pa. on church work for a few days this week.

Kevin Yoder

ARODA, VIRGINIA

May 29--Virginia was blessed with 2 1/2 inches of rain over the Memorial weekend. There have been unusually strong winds lately.

Our visitors last week were Ben Peacheys, Emma Troyer and Anna Shrock of Stuarts Draft. Bens have a son, Vernon and family, living here.

We expect son Albert and wife Leanna and her mother Luella Yoder for lunch today (29). Luella is from Midland, Mich. Her late husband was Melvin Yoder. Amos Schrock and daughter Esther from Rustburg, Va. were here over the weekend and also several youth from Ky.

The 8 singing men from the valley were here and gave a program Sunday night. Steve Anderson of here is one of them.

Ray and Marietta Shank's strawberries are turning out well in spite of late frosts and early bloom. Rays never replant but simply let the runners grow and plow out the old rows, or mow them off.

Amanda Yoder went to Russellville, Ky. to spend some time with her daughter, the Mervin Overholts.

Noah Keim

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

May 30--The roof in our fellowship hall was leaking, so this evening around 30 men got together and soon had all the shingles off, ready to put new on tomorrow.

We had a pleasant visit with cousin Nancy & husband, Jake Miller in Stuarts Draft, Va. He had a stroke and can't get around very well. their two daus., help along and live in the basement apartment, where they take care of little children whose mothers have jobs. They bring them early in the mornings and pick them up evenings.

Roberta Buchwalter, Harrisonburg, Va. has been spending time with her family and was present in church, also visited her friend Barbara Slabaugh.

George (Johnny) Garnand was rushed to the hospital and in ICU awhile. Tests showed viral encephalitis. He is home again, but still on medication. Their son Doug was at the hospital all day with his mother Velma and the next morn., May 22, he rushed his young wife Tracey (Edwards) Garn to the hospital where she gave birth a few minutes later to 7 lb. 9 oz. Bryce Allen, which makes us great-grandparents, first time. Dougs are living in John & Edith Wenger's upstairs apartment. Grandparents are Edward & Bambie Yoder & great-grandparents Ben & Alice Rees, Fla. They have come to visit their children for a few weeks.

Mary (Addona) Nissley has gone to Mich. again for two weeks to help care for her mother.

Correction from last letter: Salome & Judy will move in the granddaddy house and Joe & Dorcas in the farm house.

Menno & Anna took Salome and me to visit Barbara S. and Ira Miller. Ira will have his 96th birthday June 21st. His address is still c/o Wilton, Ltd., 118 Great Bridge Blvd., Chesapeake, Va. 23320. He used to be a Budget scribe till unable, but wanted someone to continue, that is why I am trying.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

May 31--It is very wet here. It has rained every day this week.

Ezra Troyers were in the area last week. They came back to get the house ready for renters and to get some more of their belongings. They took the backhoe along this time.

Uria Shetlers left for Texas on the 25th. They are planning to be gone for at least a month.

Different families have been traveling up to Stuarts Draft to visit Amanda Troyer.

Our family will be moving to Gap Mills, W. Va. in less than two weeks. Our address will be: Rt. 1, Box 25, Gap Mills, W. Va. 24941. I guess this will be the last time that we write.

The report is out that two brothers were traveling through the adjoining county after dark when they saw an old man in brown overalls walking along. The men stopped and offered him a ride which he accepted. As they rode along together the man said, "Boys, Jesus is coming soon." I guess they looked at him somewhat astonished and then he said, "did you hear me? I said, Jesus is coming soon." Immediately after this statement the man vanished. The men stopped beside the road right away and about that time a cop came along. When they told him their story he said that they were the fifth ones to report that incident that day. Paul & Marie Schwartz

FREE UNION, VA**Faith Mission Home**

May 29--Wilma Dueck has started working at the main home, after having served at the bakeshop for almost 3 years.

Mary Ellen Yoder's brother Jake and also Martha Hershberger came to take her back to Ohio after she served a second term here.

The Kentucky staff enjoyed visitors from home: Wayne and Tim Overholt, Mark Beachy and Dorcas Kramer.

Rhonda Beachy had Ind. visitors, Arlyn, Pam, Becky, Amy, Glenna and Brenda Miller.

Various ones of the families, cottage youth and several single staff went to Ont. for the wedding of former-staff Arnold Jantzi and Rosemary Wagler.

Linda Rose Miller

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA

May 31--Weather the last week and half has been cloudy and cool and then around 4" of rain over the last 5 days. Strawberries are in. Several from our church are pickers, starting at 6:00 a.m. each morning if weather permits.

The representation for the Mennonite Christian Brotherhood that was held at our church this past weekend was very good. Sunday morning the church house was the fullest. 375 was given dinner in the basement. Over these meetings 160 people were given lodging in 14 of our homes.

Several weeks ago for something interesting and different we saw a bald eagle back in the pasture. From a distance through binoculars it looked around 2 ft. tall. A crow drove him off. A rare bird for this area.

For 3 weeks now Phebe Landis (Edgars) has been working for Carl Cristophel in Pa. on their truck farming. Joanna, her sister, has joined her for over the strawberry season. Phebe plans to stay for the summer.

To Noah Gingerich in Ohio. On the farm where I work we also had a cow to die, called listeriosis. According to our vet circling disease and listeriosis is the same thing. A bacteria gets into the brain. If it lodges in the left side the cow goes in circles to the right. If the right, it turns to the left. If the bacteria affects both sides the cow goes crazy, very hyper. Penicillin is used and 75% recover. The bacteria comes from corn silage and low wet area in pastures.

Amos L. Strite

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

May 27--Sam Miller went to Emporia this afternoon to spend the rest of the long weekend with Betty Carrier Scott and her family. Betty lived with our family for 2 years and her husband is an avid fisherman which Sam enjoys, too.

Sadie and Bob Dirkes (Sadie is my sis.-in-law) are in their summer cottage in Burgess, Va. which is about 2½ hours from here. Sadie and Bob live in Fla. and I guess they come to Va. to cool off.

Steve Miller and son Steve went to Oh. to visit their relatives. They will return home on Thurs.

Paul and Jonathan Zook went to participate in the graduation of Paul's niece in Pa.

On Mon. I went to work with Janet. I read an entire book as she worked. We had lunch at the Olive Garden which is Italian and then for supper we ate Jamacian food with Shirley Telfer, so I guess we made our international round for the day.

Mrs. John H. Miller

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

May 28--We have had a very cool May. Strawberries did not produce like usual due to the late freezes. Sat. eve. we had a flash flood when about two inches of rain fell in two hours, with thunder and lightning.

Visitors with Mrs. Leah Kanagy on Ascension Day were David and Lizzie (Leah's niece) Peachey and Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber of Oakland, Md., with Robbie Swartzentruber as driver. Mrs. Bertha Zook coming with them, stayed a day longer, when her dau. Miriam, the David Millers, took her home on Fri. eve. Bertha's sister Orpha and husband Leroy Nissley from Liberty, Ky. were also here on Fri. Other visitors with Leah were 90 year "young" Mrs. Lena M. Martin, who is still well and very supple, and her two daus., Alta and Mary, and Mrs. Sadie Ebersole, all from Lanc., Pa. They came Fri. eve. and returned Sat. p.m.

Thomas Millers of Lanc. were here on Sun. to visit his parents, Urie Millers. Urie Lena is somewhat laid up at present with phlebitis, but was able to attend services on a wheelchair.

Allen and Ivan Swareys took their mother, Mrs. Mary Swarey to Nittany Valley, Pa. on Ascension Day to visit a niece.

The Old Order Mennonite of Dayton, Va. usually have church services on Ascension Day. Seems a lot of the plain churches are getting away from keeping it as church holiday.

Trent Showalters were surprised on Sun. when her parents, Joe Benders and girls from Catlett came walking into the church house at Mt. Zion.

Arlene Kauffman is taking care of the business while Mrs. Mary Jane Miller and family are in Fla. Arlene's bro. James and wife from Grantsville, Md. were here over Sun. and attended services at Pilgrim Fellowship. Other visitors there were J. Mark Millers from Crossville, Tn. and Miriam Millers and Nancy Kauffman, two workers from Mission Home, also Dennis Bennetch from Lebanon, Pa. who gave a talk on tract distribution both Sat. and Sun. eve.

Alvin and Lucy Schrock and dau. Mary Lois, Mrs. Drusilla Yoder and Mrs. Anna Schrock left this morn. for Bedford, Pa. where Alvins want to help their dau. Sharan move into a trailer she bought.

We are expecting Galen Yoders of Costa Rica this morn. for a late breakfast, coming from Bedford, Pa. on their way south to Montezuma, Ga. They have been visiting their children here in the States.

Tue. morn.--An all-day drizzle yesterday and still coming down this morn. brought us another 1½".

John Summy

ARODA, VIRGINIA

June 5--Weather is pleasantly cool. Garden crops are good and the strawberry crop was better than expected. There is a heavy hay crop being harvested.

Son John of near Harrisonburg and the writer were to Hartville, Ohio on the 2nd of June and attended the funeral of Ervin Weaver at the Maple Grove Mennonite Church on the 3rd. Ervin was married to my wife's sister who died 7 years ago.

Tim Helmuth and John Anderson fell from a scaffold and suffered injuries to their ankles.

Wayne Shrock returned home from Sioux Lookout, Ont. Monday, the 4th. There were a number of visitors from out-of-state here over the weekend including Daniel Lehman of Chambersburg, Pa.

My wife, Sarah, had a good report from the drs. on her recent examination.

Noah Keim

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

June 6--The weather is pleasant.

Visitors in church Sun. a.m. were Ed Pletts of Mex., Wesley Mullet of Oh., Ruth Hoover, Mary Burkholder, Debra Halteman, Elona Ketchum and Robert Rissers and 3 youngest children of Pa., Elaine Strubhar and 2 girls from Alberta, the Rex Ogle family from Rutherfordton, N.C. and Simon, Rebecca and Sara Slabaugh from Harrisonburg.

Eds had meals last week with David Weavers, Nelson Swartzentrubers and Harvey, James, Marvin and Vernon Masts. They traveled to Rutherfordton, N.C. Sun. p.m. and are headed home from there.

Ruth Hoover of Myerstown, Pa. visited her dau., Steve Masts from Fri. evening to Mon. The 3 Pa. girls and Miriam and Marie Mast toured Williamsburg on Sat.

Robert Rissers and children of Waynesboro, Pa. were at Williamsburg on Fri. and Sat., arriving at Floyd Masts' Sat. evening, spending 2 nights there and traveling on to Ga. Mon. They had Sun. dinner with us and Sun. supper at Lyle Shanks'.

Elaine Strubhar and girls have been with her sis., Nelson Hooleys. They plan to fly home today, having tickets out of Wash., D.C.

Rex Ogles were at David Weavers' from Thurs. evening to Sun. Since all but one of them was sick with flu on Fri., they missed some meal invitations. They did get to Jerry Weavers' and Vernon Masts' on Sat., and to LeRoy Lehman's for Sun. dinner before heading home.

Simon was at Vernon Masts' for Sun. dinner and Rebecca and Sarah were here.

Mrs. John Brubaker and son left early Sun. a.m. to get home in Lanc., Pa. in

time for church. She had been here 10 days to help her dau., Sam Weavers, after the arrival of their baby.

Raymond and Elmeda Bear left Sat. a.m. for Oh. and Ind. to pick up some garage doors and make short stops with his mother at Elida, Oh. and her parents at Millersburg, Ind. Plans were to get home last evening.

The 4 Bear children and Elson Hooleys left for the eastern shore right after church Sun. a.m., planning to be at Pine Shore's new church dedication service.

Leslie Meltons went to Va. Beach on Sat. to visit his mother, Leslie Melton. They came back Sun.

Silas Martins went to Hagerstown, Md. on Fri. and were overnight at son Steves'. On Sat. Silas and Martha went to the Flintstone, Md. area taking Samuel Martin along. They were at Martha's bro. Paul Kimble's home for a family gathering of the 10 Kimble bros. and sisters. Nine of them had lunch together, and some had left before the tenth one arrived. So they were all there, but not all at one time. Silases had a surprise at Steves' Sat. evening when their dau. from here, Daniel Hooleys appeared. They joined the family to help celebrate Jewel and Silas' birthdays. They all came back Sun. evening bringing grand-dau. Michelle along.

Brenda and Lois Mast drove to Key-mar, Md. on Mon. with plans to help their Aunt Julia Torkelson this week. Marks are to fly to Guatemala on Fri. and be at Quezaltenango until Aug. 27 to fill in while Frank Martins are on furlough. They are busy with 7 children, age 11 mos. to 13 years to take care of and pack up for.

Ajmer Singhs (my cousin Verna) of Independence, Ore. arrived by plane last evening and were with us for supper and overnight. Her father, Jonas Hershberger, is here at Sunset View Home.

Mrs. James E. Mast

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

June 4--After the almost 4 inches of rain the first part of the week, we had several warmer days which gave vegetation a boost.

Sharan Schrock came down from Bedford, Pa. to spend several weeks with home folks. Her mother, Mrs. Alvin Schrock, is scheduled to have surgery on Tue. to remove a fatty tumor from her kidney. Our granddaughter Anita Summy gave us quite a surprise when she came with Sharan. She spent the week here with kin before returning with Alvin Yoders, who went to Bedford over Sun.

The Yost Mast reunion was held near here Sat. and Sun. at a nice campground west of Lexington, which had a kitchen and chapel. A lot of the group of around 180 stayed overnight in the cabins and sleeping bags. Among those attending were Eli Swartzentrubers from Dover, Del. who were our guests one night. They came with Enos Miller, a bro. to Jake Miller. Mrs. Malinda Miller also attended, bringing along Mrs. Lizzie Zook from Belleville and Mrs. Mary Zook from McVeytown, Pa. who were visiting with Mrs. Leah Kanagy and Mrs. Mary Swarey.

Mrs. Steve (Sara Ann) Yoder and son Samuel spent a few days in Lancaster with son Clydes, who were in the process of moving.

Olen Schrock from Oakland, Md. was present on Sun. at Pilgrim Fellowship.

We had the pleasure of having a little family reunion again on Mon. when we had my sisters, Matilda and husband, Menno J. Yoder, and Mary J. Yoder, and bro. Eli and wife Amanda as guests.

We all had dinner at son Edwin's. Also in the load were Joe and Emma Slabough, Wilmer and Elizabeth Yoder and Mrs. Amos (Annie) Zook, who were visiting at Jake Millers' and also made a call with us. They were all from the Meyersdale-Grantsville area.

John Beilers spent about a week in Tn. They attended the wedding of their grandson John David, son of Elmer Beilers, and Miriam Miller on Fri., the 8th. Jesse Hershbergers also attended and then went to Deer Lodge, Tn. to be with David Schrock's for the weekend.

John Summy

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

June 5--We had a farewell for Nancy Kauffman, Pa., and Miriam Miller, Ohio. Dorcas Yoder, Aroda, has replaced Nancy as secretary. We do not have a full-time replacement for Miriam in the kitchen. Coming for the farewell were Nancy's mother Elsie Kauffman, and her sister-in-law Mary Kauffman and two youngest sons. Mary's son Glenn is on staff. Miriam's parents, Dan Millers, were also here.

Carl's parents, the Vernon Millers, Ohio, visited him enroute to Virginia Beach. James Mast, presently working in Fairfax, and David Miller, Ohio, were here on Sunday. Mary Ellen Yoder, Ohio, has returned for a visit.

Karen Miller, Naomi and James Schlabach went to Ohio for over two weekends to attend the Schlabach-Yoder wedding.

The Rodger Byers family enjoyed having visitors Dave and Frances Byers and dau., the Marvin Sensenigs, all of Pa., and Alva and Jane Yoder and son, Ohio.

The LeRoy Allgyers and Dan Stoltzfuses, Pa., were here Sunday after attending a wedding in the Harrisonburg area.

The Nathan Yoders spent time with relatives in Ontario, and the David Yoders took his parents to Kentucky where they are visiting relatives. Both families were in Plain City because of the administrative meetings. David Raber, Verna Yoder and I also attended.

James Mast, presently of Fairfax, and David Miller, Ohio were here on Sunday.

Lori Campbell has left Sunflower Cottage. She is moving to her foster sister Mildred's in Canada for the summer, the Bob Carroll family.

The staff from Mountain View Nursing Home was here Mon. evening for our bi-monthly get-together.

Linda Rose Miller

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

June 3--Last week had 3 in. of rain, a cool 3-day rain. Some of the old-times called it a sheep rain.

Strawberries and peas are being produced. Not good hay weather either, but more will grow.

Correction: Gordon Yoders plan to leave for Alaska on July 2 instead of June 2.

Charles Heatwole brought our message today.

Howard Knicely, age 26, son of Byard and Nell, was released from Charlottesville Hospital on Feb. 23 after having chemo treatments for a fast-growing cancer, but was still taking treatments once a week since. A few weeks ago was pronounced cured. Then recently 2 tumors appeared and he was back in same hospital. Now they plan to do a bone marrow transplant. Four of his brothers were called over last week for tests. One of his single brothers will be the donor, Blaine or Willard. His young wife of 2 years has been by his side.

Howard's mother underwent surgery and treatment also. She is doing fine at this time.

Mrs. Reba Cyzick is having a pin removed this week from her injured foot. She will then be on crutches again for several weeks. Her sister, Mrs. Homer Rhodes, is going to hospital same day for bone marrow test.

The Wenger church had ordination on May 27 for a new minister. The ones in lot were Leonard Wenger, son of Joe and Josie; Richard Martin, son of Oscar and Blanche, and Dannie Knicely, son of Howard and Arlene. The lot fell on Richard, 35. His wife is Bernice, dau. of Joe and Josie Wenger. Richard's father, Oscar, a minister, is in serious condition with leukemia at home.

One of Eldon and Joyce Showalter's twin boys was kicked by a horse Sat., but not seriously.

Howard Knicely is at home. Doctor says he may stay as long as blood count isn't too low. They don't plan to do the bone marrow transplant for maybe 3 weeks.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Princess Ann Area

May 29--Some real wet weather since Sat.

Thurs. was our last day of school and Sat. the picnic at Munden Point. Fri. evening, June 2, will be graduation for Jonathan Zook, Sandra Overholt, Teressa Hershberger and Delilah Brennteman, with a program planned by their teacher, Marcus Kauffman.

May 30--This was to be Alva Yoders' last day in their home in Princess Ann but the new house isn't ready and the people gave them 2 more weeks to get their new house finished. Alva did a lot himself, but the church men have been helping some also.

The Vernon Miller family from Plain City will be here for the graduation tonight.

Sarah Mast

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

June 1--After several dark cloudy days in which we had 3" of rainfall, the weather is now very pleasant.

Yesterday was a lovely day for the school field trip to Grand Caverns and our picnic and fellowship in the eve. followed by a short program.

John Stoltzfus was hospitalized last Fri. after having a stomach ailment for several days. Was at work yet Fri., but told fellow workers he could stand it no longer. He was operated on and found his appendix already ruptured. He has been quite sick and suffered from severe gas pains and hiccups so bad he could hardly breathe at times. He requested an anointing Wed. eve. His stomach was also pumped out and he was doing better yesterday.

Sam and Kathy Troyer are happy parents of their first dau., Beth Renae, born May 27th. She has one bro., Gregory. One of Sam's sisters was coming to help them.

Susan Sommers enjoyed a brief visit from her bro. and wife, Noah Rabers from Smithville, Ohio, last Sat. She wanted to be sure I put it in *The Budget* so he could read it. And how was Myrtle Beach in the rain?

The Glicks were most all in Pa. over the Memorial weekend for their annual reunion. Our Yoder clan got together at the school for our Eli M. Yoder reunion Sat. p.m. and eve. None of the Alvin Kanagy family were there nor Grace's (Mrs. John Hornley) two oldest children. The rest of us all live here.

Daniel Zook, on furlough from Guatemala, was home over Sun. We enjoyed the privilege of having him and son Delvin's family here for dinner on Mon. He spent the eve. at Leon Yoder's, going back to Aroda Tue. morn. where he has a carpenter job. He's staying with his sister, Johnnie Nisleys. He had the misfortune of his car catching on fire and burning up recently.

Paul Martin had a freak accident last week while on a ladder on a porch roof. The ladder slipped down and he after it. Before they hit the ground, his leg caught in a rung, tipping the ladder sideways. He ended up not being hurt except his leg which is still sore.

Esther Schrock visited Alice Yoder (Missy) in Catlett Sun. Her parents, Amos Schrock, took her and went on to Aroda to visit Amos' bro. and sister, Enos Schrock and Perry Nisleys. The Sun. before they were in Stuarts Draft to visit Lydia's parents, Amos Zooks, and her sister's. Esther is getting ready to go to Haiti soon for a term of service. James and Janie (her sister) Martin are planning to arrive here next Tue. and be here till after James' bro. Jerold's wedding on the 16th. Jerold's fiancée, Joyce Zook, spent a few weeks with her parents, Henry Zooks, in Iowa. The wedding will be here.

Judy Zook in Guatemala, dau. of Henry Zooks, sent an announcement of her engagement to Levi Martin from Pa. who also is serving in Guatemala.

Ernest and Lovina Yoder

CUMBERLAND, VIRGINIA

June 11--The weather here is very nice and warm. A little cooler than when we were in Texas. On Wednesday and Thursday it was 102 degrees. On Tuesdays it was 100 degrees. We were in Texas for one week to see our daughter and her family. Their baby sure is cute.

We got to Paris, Texas on June 2nd. Had a very nice trip down. Saw very high water at different places near Little Rock, Arkansas.

On Sunday we went with them to their church in Paris. They go to the Evangel Baptist.

We went to Toby Yoders' for lunch. They are now living in their new home.

Then Monday eve. we went to Vernon Millers for supper. Vernon's wife, Liz, is our son-in-law's sister.

My mother Laureenie and sister Rose went with us. They are spending the rest of this week with us till Friday eve. Then we plan to leave for Grantsville, Maryland, and they plan to leave for home on Sunday.

May 26th was graduation at our Christian Day School for Karl Hertzler and Sharon Elizabeth Layman.

Mary Jane Yoder

UNION, WEST VIRGINIA**Gap Mills Christian Fellowship**

June 13--Farmers are in the thick of their bountiful crop of first cutting hay.

On Fri., May 31, Laurie Jones went to Flemingsburg, Ky. to spend some time at home with her family. Both of our schoolteachers consented to teach again next year, so we expect her back again this fall.

Mrs. Ezra (Sylvia) Byler has an uncooperative back right now. She had had some problems with it, when last week it suddenly got much worse. She was taken to the Low Moor Hospital via ambulance, coming back the same day with the doctor's verdict, a slipped disc. She is practically bedfast, and won't be able to do much for awhile, so I'm sure they're grateful for the help of their niece, Lois Byler from McVeytown, Pa. Their address is P.O. Box 113, Gap Mills, W. Va. 24941.

We had an interesting and challenging service last Fri. eve, the 8th, with Nikolaus Klassen from Germany, Loren Steckley, interpreter from Canada, and Ura Miller from Christian Aid Ministries, Millersburg, Ohio. German-speaking Nikolaus shared with us about the great need for Bibles in Russia, and some about his prison experiences when he still lived in Russia. Ura also showed some slides from Russia and Romania.

We enjoyed our visitors last Sun.: Levi Lapp from Leola, PA and John Bylers from Golden City, Mo. Johns came down from Pa. Sat. bringing Ezra's helper, Lois Byler, along down. Johns headed west this morning again.

Jadon and Jesse Shetler took a few cattle to a sale in Pa. last Fri. and were at Leola for the weekend.

My mother, sisters and bro. Nathan spent the day at Union Grove, N.C. with their aunts and cousins from there and Stuarts Draft, Va.

Noah Schwartzes, with a few of the children, were at our services last Fri. eve. Noahs plan to move tomorrow.

Kevin Yoder

VIRGINIA BEACH NEWS

June 4--There were quite a few visitors in church this past weekend. Sam Detwillers and children and Mrs. Anna Kuhns were here from Belleville, Pa. Sam Detwiller had our morning devotions. Naomi Brenneman's bro. and family, Vernon Miller, are spending some time visiting and Vernon brought the message this morning. Also, here from Abbeville, S.C. were Dennis Schwartzes and Amanda Overholt. Lewis and Mary Ellen Overholt were here from Ga. Laura Yoder, a granddau. of John Henry Yoder, was here from Plain City, Oh. and Leslie Meltons and children from Amelia, Va. were visiting us, too. Eli Kauffmans were here from Montezuma, Ga. and he brought our evening message.

Lorraine Hershberger, formerly from here and Arlan Wenger from Abbeville, S.C. were visiting this past week. They will be married some time this month and on Tues. evening we will have a shower for them.

Martha Kauffman, Atlanta, Ga. is continuing her nursing career by further studies for 3 months at Bayside Humana Hosp. She is a sis. to Susan Yoder and we enjoy having her in our community.

We had graduation at our school on June 1. Those graduating were Delilah Brenneman, Theresa Hershberger, Sandra Overholt and Jonathan Zook.

On Tues. I will be going with my bro. and sisters-in-law to visit John's youngest sis. and husband Sadie and Bob Dirkes at their summer cottage in Burgess, Va. about 2 1/2 hours from here.

Mrs. John H. Miller

ARODA, VIRGINIA

June 11--Amanda Yoder is still in Kentucky and Eldon and Dannie Hochstetlers are in Belize visiting for a few weeks. David Hochstetlers are expected back in August.

Henry and Vera Brennaman are the parents of a baby girl named Hannah born June 5th and on June 8th a son, Aaron Joshua, to Harry and Susan Yoder.

Huge bales of hay are piling up in the fields and yet there is a lot of leftover hay.

Strawberries are about over with and so are first crop peas. May was a wet month, but so far June is windy and getting dry.

The book, "I Saw It In The Budget", is certainly interesting and entertaining, especially to people who can think back 50 years or more. So many people we knew are gone and it sometimes seems we cannot remember new people as well as we used to.

Noah Keim

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA

Faith Mission Home

June 12--We have admitted 14-year-old Jodi Greene, Pa., to the A-girls' group.

Elizabeth Miller enjoyed visitors from Ohio, her parents, the Aden O. Millers, and her brother Matthew and family.

Karen Zook traveled to Ohio to attend the Schlabach-Yoder wedding and returned with the others who had gone earlier.

We have welcomed Rose Peachey to the staff. She is working as cook at Roselane Cottage. Her sister Delores and Sally Sharp brought her down.

Nathanael Troyer, presently serving at Hillcrest in Harrison, Ark., was here for a visit. He and Ruth Smucker and also Mabel Kurtz went to Pa. for the weekend.

Ivan Peachey, Kay Raber, Sanford Yoder and Verna Yoder went to Pa. for the Byler-Swarey wedding.

Doris Horst enjoyed visitors from Pa., her sisters Pauline, the John Martins, Lorraine, the Lloyd Highs and also the Leon Zimmermans.

Some of our driveway curves have gradually become safer over the years. The one by the staff house has been widened and has a banister on the lower side, also the curve around the end of the building. There is a round (convex) mirror by the staff house drive where you can check if someone is around the bend.

Linda Rose Miller

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Princess Ann Area

June 3--Visitors in church today were Sam Detweiler's family from Belleville, Pa. Sam had devotions this morn. Also Min. Vernon Millers from Plain City. He brought an interesting message.

Dennis Swartzes were still here also Gene and Lorrain Hershberger and Marlin Wengard.

Bish. Eli Kauffmans and Min. Lewis Overholts from Ga. will both be bringing messages this eve. Mrs. Wilard Kuhns and dau. from Belleville, Pa. were also here.

Sat. eve. we were to Southampton Prison again. David Johnson, Robin and Joan Hershberger went with us.

We will be giving up the prison work for awhile as we will be leaving for Red Lake, Canada in July and Joe Miller will take over until we come back in a year. It's a real change for us to give up the prison work after being coordinator almost ten years. It's not easy, but it will be interesting to go into some other work for a year, and then see what the Lord has in store for us.

Sarah Mast

CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

June 13--Chesapeake experienced a hard rain storm with thunder & lightning Fri. eve. People had gathered at the Mt. Pleasant Christian School where a tent had been set up with chairs & tables from the church for a program, which had to be cancelled. People get soaked and it took a lot of cleaning up, but very thankful no one was hurt. By Sat. a.m. everything was in good shape to go ahead with the school sale with Eli Miller, Newport News, as auctioneer. A total of \$10 thousand. Harold Lehman's old-fashioned chicken barbecue dinner was enjoyed by all, also horse drawn wagon rides, by Herbert Wenger.

Eddie Buchwalter & Mark Lehman were building an implement shed for Paul Overholt's equip. They had worked so hard to get those high rafters put up, but that storm blew them down.

Irene Yoder arrived home today from Ohio where she had traveled by Greyhound bus to attend her father's (Irvin Weaver) funeral.

Philip & Martha Miller spent last weekend in Fla. to help celebrate his parents' (Vernon and Pauline Miller) 50th anniversary. Around 80 were present. Open house is planned for them here at Mt. Pleasant Menn. July 1. Philip's dau., S. Maria Miller's new address is 1150 Hamlet Dr., Harrisonburg, Va. 22801.

Three young people to graduate from high school were Jeremy (Merlin Millers) and Dawn (Jerry Woods), Greenbrier Christian, and David (Leroy Millers), Great Bridge. Graduates from Mt. Pleasant Christian School were Jason Church, Tracy Curling, Philip Raymond, and Boun Keo Savang.

Mrs. Katie (Leroy) Miller is recuperating at home after spending some time in Va. Beach hospital with a blood clot in her leg. Still has to elevate it. So Sat. after our school picnic Sara (Jonas) Miller invited Mattie (Harvey) Miller, Fla., and myself along to visit Katie and bring them their supper.

Philip & Verna Mae Miller have retired from their cabinet shop they had for many years and are spending this summer with their dau. Donna and husband, Arnie Brubakers, at 28050 Liberty Rd., Sweet Home, Oregon 97386.

Fred & Sarah Yoder

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

June 13--Fri. was 93° and Sat. was 95° with high humidity, so cooler weather since then was welcome.

Sissy Carver and children of Rutherfordton, N.C. spent Thurs. afternoon at Fred Masts' while Mike went on to Wash., D.C. on business. He was back for a 9 p.m. supper.

Darryl Masts, Joe, Steve, Rita and Beverly Mast, Howard, Margaret and Miriam Hooley and Shirley Witmer were to Wellsboro, Pa. for the funeral of Clair Zimmerman on Fri.

Joe and Steve came home yet Fri., Darryls spent the weekend with her parents, John Weavers, at Lebanon Co., Pa. and the rest stayed at Wellsboro until Sun. p.m. Luella and Loretta Mast and Reba Sauder of Pa. were at Steve Masts' from Thurs. to Mon. David Weaver and Steve babysat Sun. noon while Judy, Phyllis, Luella, Loretta, Reba, Margaret and Diane Wenger, Mary Ann, Mildred and Carol Mast had a picnic dinner by Sunset View Home.

Patti Sloan arrived home from Guatemala on Fri.

Bish. Harvey Mast was with the Haven Cong. at Kalona, Iowa over the weekend.

Delbert Mast took Bro. Levi Kramer to Rutherfordton, N.C. on Sat. where he was scheduled to preach on Sun.

Daniel Weavers left for Oh. Fri. planning to be with Philip Weavers at Carbon Hill for the weekend. This week they plan to go on to Apple Creek, Ohio for a weekend family gathering of the Marvin Amstutz family.

Raymond Bears and Noah Weavers were with the Pine Shore congregation (Md.) for the deacon ordination Sun. eve. where Ron Gascho was ordained.

David Yoder and Steve Shenk of Dublin, Ga. were up over the weekend. They were overnight with Melvin Mast and had Sun. dinner with us.

Margaret and Diane Wenger left yest. for Grandin, Mo., planning to be gone a week. Their main reason for going home is to be at the wedding of their sis. Emily this coming Fri.

Marion Goods of Carbon Hill, Ohio plan to spend a week here with their daughter, the Noah Weavers. They will likely arrive today.

Mon. was the funeral of William Poore, age 45, only son of Earl Poore (deceased). He was killed Fri. in a traffic accident. His 16-year-old son who was driving was seriously injured.

This a.m. is the funeral of 9-year-old Jill Whittington, dau. of Juan and Linda Whittington who died following an accident Sat. eve. when a drunken driver ran a stop sign and hit her mother's car broadside. Her mother will miss the funeral, as she has a fractured skull and just got out of intensive care. Her 7-year-old bro. was injured, too and is still in I-C. They also have a 12-year-old girl.

Mrs. James E. Mast

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

June 10--Trent Showalters were gone over Sun., having gone to Oakland and Grantsville, Md. to visit relatives and attend a cousin's wedding.

We have heard of "Rushing Mennonites," but don't know if that rightly describes the recent passing through of cousin Melvin and Katie Yoder from Montezuma, Ga. who left a message at the cheese shop for us saying they had stopped there.

We are sorry we were not at home when Simon Tice and dau. Marilyn from the Grantsville area stopped in. Simon had left his wife at a motel to rest. They brought Orpha Beachy down so she could accompany Arlene Kauffman when she returns home.

Mabel Beachy and most of her family went to attend a Beachy reunion in Buffalo Valley on Sat.

Menno Kinsingers with their 3 married daus., Allen Beilers, Timothy Yoders and William Schrock spent the weekend in Lanc.

Willis Millers had an outing at Nags Head the past week.

Chupp's Builders took their crew on a fishing trip and you will have to ask them how the fish cooperated.

Jesse Peachey and dau. Martha from Guthrie, Ky. and Andy Troyers and 7 children from Paris, Tenn. stopped in the community on their way to attend a reunion at Joni Millers', Oakland, Md. Bennie Bylers, Urie Millers, Thomas Swareys and Eli Miller also went.

Noah Schrock returned from Halsey, Ore. on Wed. evening where they had spent the last 2 weeks with their son Daniel and family.

Wayne Schrock and family from Aroda were visitors at Pilgrim Fellowship on Sun. Also Sam Beiler from Honey Brook, Pa. who didn't find Alvin Beachy at home, so he was a guest with Edward Troyers' boys. Wayne presented the message at both morning and evening services.

ARODA, VIRGINIA**Mountain View Nursing Home**

June 12--The Eldon Hostettler family is visiting for a few weeks.

Ina Troyer and Susan Yoder went to Holmes County, Ohio for Gloria Miller's wedding. Ina went on home to Plain City then for several days.

Pete Millers were also in Ohio for the weekend for a wedding in Hartville.

Melody Yoder's sister Martha is visiting here and in Catlett this week.

We said goodbye to Debbie Nissley last week with her farewell back at Wolfstown.

This afternoon several of us attended the funeral of Mary Katherine Nichols who died here yesterday morning. She was with us nearly 6 years.

Linda Nissley

Sharan Miller from Paris, Tn. is planning to spend the week here until her parents, Alva Millers, come for the Zook reunion next weekend. She came with her twin sis. Karen, married to Daniel Yoder, who went on to Pa.

Dr. Paul Yoder and family, son of Sam and Mattie Yoder, arrived at Sams' last Sun. evening and left on Thurs. morning, driving all the way from Colo.

Ben Hershbergers have gone on a trip to Deer Lodge and Belvidere, Tn.

Mrs. Annie Miller had a chance to go to Sunnyhaven, Plain City, Oh. where she met her dau. Malinda (Mrs. Melvin Bontrager) and go with her to their home in Ind. until she has a way to return.

Rufus and Fern Beachy returned home on Mon. from Abbeville, S.C. where they attended the Jonas Swartzentruber reunion. Fern's cast has been removed and wears a brace, but still favors the crutches quite a bit. She can gradually put more weight on her foot.

Mrs. Alvin Schrock was released from the hosp. Sun. afternoon and is getting along real well since her surgery on Tues. for removal of a kidney and tumor.

John Summv

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

June 14--Pleasant and warm summer weather the last while.

Recent visitors at church were Paul Hertzlers, Joseph Fishers from Pa. and a daughter married to a Martin. I didn't get the first name.

David Fishers and family were up to Milverton, Canada where David held a week of meetings. This would be David's wife's home area.

John and Edna Beachy and Esther and David were up to Wellsboro, Pa. for the funeral of Clair Zimmerman. Clair and Delilah, with his folks, had worshipped with us in April over the weekend of Nathaniel Miller's wedding.

Wedding invitations are out for Russell Hartman and Joyce Hunsecker's wedding to be at our church July 21.

Visitors this past Sunday were Ivan Martins and 4 children from Pa. They were guests in his brother David Martin's home.

We were down to Stuarts Draft this forenoon making stops at the Cheese Shop and Ferns Fabrics. Then made a special stop at Mary Jane Miller's suspender shop for a short visit with Zela, my brother Leban's special friend. Zela is a native Christian from Belize.

Amos and Carrie Strite

AMELIA, VIRGINIA

June 20--Mon. was 94° and yest 91°. We got close to ½" rain Mon. evening, our first in 3 weeks.

Harvey Millers of Wickenburg, Az. were with their son John D. Millers from last Wed. evening to this Mon.

Gladys Huber has been at Walter Weavers' for 10 days and plans to stay another week. Keith Kreiders brought her down from Harrisonburg.

Mervin Hooleys and Lois Mast left for Oh. Thurs. a.m. for the Fri. p.m. wedding of Steve Horst and Esther Otto at Glade Run. Mervins were with her parents, Bill Sommers, at Kensington, Oh. for the weekend. Lois went to New Bethlehem, Pa. yet Fri. evening and was at Ron Reinfords' Sat. and Sun. Irene, Tim and Miriam Reinford and Lois had Sun. dinner with Mark Reinfords. Lois was to meet Mervins Sun. evening along the turnpike, but due to car problems (Mervin) went on to Newville, Pa. with the Reinfords, then meeting Mervins Mon. evening, getting home late Mon. night.

Jay and Mildfred Martin and baby of Lanc. Co., Pa. and Anna Mary Rohrer of Dover, Pa. visited their sis., Jerry Weavers, from late Wed. night to Thurs. p.m. They brought garden peas down for Ruth Ann to freeze.

Ajmer Singhs flew back to Ore. on Thurs.

James Swartzentrubers of Ia. were visiting his parents at Harrisonburg last week and came to this area Sat. to visit at his bro. Nelsons'.

Wes Mullet left Sat. for his home at Galipollis, Oh. after working there for a couple weeks.

Marion Goods plan to head home to Carbon Hill, Oh. today. They had been with their dau., Noah Weavers since Thurs. Marvin Masts had Fri. supper with them at Noahs'. Marions and Noahs had Sun. supper with Silas Martins and Mon. supper at Raymond Bears'. Bro. Marion brought us the message Sun. a.m.

LeRoy Lehmans and James and the Marvin Mast family went to Va. Beach yest. and went fishing for sea bass in the Atlantic for ½ day. They each caught some.

Jonas and Karen Mast planned to leave early this a.m. to take Fred Masts to Charlotte, N.C. for their flight to El Paso on their way to Mex. They saved a good bit on their fares by leaving from Charlotte rather than here at Richmond. They were asked to go to Mex. for 2 years to help in the work there. Their address will Apartado 388, Cuauhtemoc, Chih., Mex. The church families here made a scrapbook for them. Fri. evening six girls slept with Ruth (age 16) for a farewell and on Mon. evening 13 of the young folk boys took Dale (age 19) out for supper. Fred's other girls are age 12 and 8.

Mrs. James E. Mast

DAYTON, VIRGINIA

June 18--Warm today, almost 90. Green beans soon ready and sweet corn ready to tassel.

Nancy Heatwole, Gladys and Brownie, driver, left June 11 for a 3-week tour of Germany, England, Italy, Switzerland and other points of interest.

Howard Knicely got a shunt in today. They are preparing him for a bone marrow transplant next week. His mother (Nell), Mrs. Byrd Knicely, starts chemo treatments tomorrow.

The Ellis Beery family has returned from their trip to Minn.

Our family all met together in Ohio June 15 for a chicken barbecue supper at the Maynard and Norma Falb home for their 25th wedding anniversary. Those from Va. were Dwight, Louise, Kathy and Clifford Rohrer, Adin, Verna and son, Brent Rodes, Glenn, Diane and children Michael and Julie Martin, also Jerry and Mary Rohrer and sons Billie, Jason and Jeffery and writer. They were greatly surprised. They didn't know anyone was coming from Va. Maynard's family, his mother Elizabeth Falb and brother Merlin and family and sister Louella and her family were present, too. Also Harry and Viola Neuenschwander and several young folks.

Maynard's children, Cheryl and Eldon, were the sponsors of this with their Canadian friends, Stuart and Karen Bauman. Their brother Charles was also present.

Rebecca and Hettie Showalter left last week on a trip west for several weeks. They are traveling with a Smith family and their daughter. They are Quakers. Their children attended their school.

Oscar J. Martin died June 10 at R.M.

Hospital. He suffered from leukemia for several years. He was 69. He was a minister in the Old Order Mennonite Church. On May 12, 1948 he married Blanche Knicely, who survives. Also survived by 2 daughters, Ellen Horst of Rt. 1, Harrisonburg and Mary Martin at home; 2 sons, Richard of Rt. 5, Harrisonburg and Ray of Rt. 1, Dayton, 3 sisters, Amy Knicely and Anna Mae Rohrer, both of Dayton, and Naomi Rhodes of Scottsville, Ky.; 3 bros., John and Clayton Martin of Dayton and Harvey Martin of Bridgewater; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral was held June 13th at Pleasant View Old Order Church. Burial was in church cemetery. Those attending from Ohio were cousins Roy and Carolyn Vanpelt, Leo and Kathryn Steiner, Homer and Marian Eberly, Homer Martin, Ben and Edith Horst, and Elmer and Clara Showalter.

James and Sue Rohrer are parents of their first child a son, Richard Mark, on May 28th. Grandparents are Dan and Ruth Rohrer and Mark and Wilda Grace Wenger. Our granddaughter Joyce Falb came along back with us to spend 2 weeks.

Richard and Brenda Rohrer and son Clint were also in Ohio for the anniversary of Maynard and Norma Falb.

Stuart Bauman of Elmira, Canada and granddaughter Cheryl Ann Falb have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage for Oct. 20.

Mrs. Paul T. Martin

ARODA, VIRGINIA

June 19--We were thankful for 1.6 inches of rain on Monday, as it was getting dry.

Our Sunday visitors were son Melvin, wife Dorothy and son Douglas. At church Sunday morning were Samuel Nislys and children of Hutchinson, Kans. and Mervin Overholts of Russellville, Ky., who brought Leora's mother, Amanda Yoder along to her home.

Joe Summys attended the wedding at Catlett of Elsie's sister on Sat., the 17th.

Most of our youth and ministers Enos Schrock and Wayne Shrock and wives were to the youth meetings at Abbeville, S.C. the past weekend.

Noah Keim

CATLETT,, VIRGINIA

May 23--Sun. morn. when we arrived at church, who would we see that we hadn't seen for almost 30 years? It was Enos Mullet Jr. of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Hartville, Ohio. It was back in 1959 when winter Bible School first started in Canton, Ohio, under John J. Overholt that we met there.

Tim Stoltzfus (Ike) is home for the summer from Bob Jones University of S.C. He plans to return for the next term.

May 30--Daniel Yoders of Pa. were down to visit his sister, the Robert Millers, and then were also in our morn. services.

Clyde Bender had been trying to get into Haiti for several weeks now but due to the unrest there, he didn't leave till Sun. morn. He had some important things that had to be taken care of. He returned Wed. night.

Sun. morn. about a car load of youth left for Pa. to go to see Larry Byler, who is working at Penn Valley Retreat.

June 14--Weather has really warmed up this past week, was around 90° today. Quite a few were gone for the weekend. David and Daniel Mast were in S.C. for a reunion. Davids then went on to Fla. too, while Daniels returned again.

David Bontrager and his cousin left for Fla. Sat. eve. to bring his cousin's wife and little child up here where his cousin will be working for him. They returned from Fla. this past Tue. eve. David's bro. Scott also came up with them.

Alvin W. Millers

RUSTBURG, VIRGINIA

June 16--We continue having good growing weather. Corn and tomatoes look like they will be quite a bit earlier than usual.

Visitors at Bethel the 3rd were the Noah Swartz family from Farmville. He is an uncle to Sam Troyer. Also visitors that day were Vance and Ella (Zehr) Miller and 2 children from Harrisonburg.

Visitors June 10th were Carl Stecklys, bro. to Mrs. Sam Troyer and Quintin and Anita Shirk, both from Pa. The Shirks were traveling through and expected to visit Richard Bowmans who were in Pa. for the weekend. Quinn and Mary June Hershberger were in S.C. to attend a wedding and visit his parents.

John Stoltzfus is slowly regaining his strength from his recent appendectomy. Instead of having his stomach pumped out as stated, they put a tube down to relieve him of severe gas. He was on very strong antibiotics after he was home yet which seemed to hinder his digestive system.

Mervin Mast spent 4 days in the hosp. this past week with another bout of pneumonia. He received lung damage at age 16 when he inhaled anhydrous ammonia. David Yoder cracked the cap of his elbow when he fell backwards off a loaded truck while fastening it down.

The past 2 weeks we had Bible school with an attendance of over 100. David Gingerich was supt. for the 8th consecutive year.

Today was the wedding of Jerald, son of Paul Martins and Joyce Zook, dau. of Henry Zooks of Ia. Witnesses were Jay and Sharon Martin, Jerald's bro. an sister, Clavin Yoder and Sharon Zook and David Beachy and Laurel Martin. Bro. Eli Yoder had the opening and Roy Ulrich Jr. (Jerald's bro.-in-law), the sermon. Leon Yoder performed the ceremony. Special numbers were sung by Dave Gingerich, Bruce Ramer and Jon Alan Zehr.

Joyce's family was all here, which included her bro. Larry and wife Jewel, from Ore. They traveled to Wagner, S.C. by train and spent a few days with Jewel's bro. Dale Helmuths and traveled here together. Her Uncle John Beachys and 2 single children from Harrisonburg were here and cousin Linda Rose Miller, Hutch., Ks., serving at Faith Mission Children's Home. There may have been other Beachy relatives. Grandpa, Amos Zooks, and their children were all here except Barbara, wife of Raymond Miller of Tenn. Their dau. Kathryn got sick. Alva Millers' twin daus. and husbands were here, Leon Waglers and Daniel Yoders, all of Tenn.

Jerald's grandma (Paul's mother) and all their family except 2 of Paul's bros. attended but only Fannie's bro. Mark Martins and 2 children and her sis. Minnie were here. There's no way I could get all the names, but among Jerald's Poplar Hill friends (where he served a year) that attended were Joe and Sally Yoder, Marty Clemmer and his friend Rachael Beiler, from Pa. Mike Geiser, June Rhodes, Marilynne Heatwole, Grace Beachy and Brad Groff.

The reception was held at the Rustburg Middle School. Young people will be together for volleyball this evening and all visitors invited to the school basement for supper.

Tomorrow there will be a reunion at Amos Zooks' at Stuarts Draft for their family.
Ernest & Lovina Yoder

FREE UNION, VIRGINIA**Faith Mission Home**

June 19--Wednesday evening two state police and a park ranger came out to befriend the children and talk to the staff, primarily about what to do if one of the residents wanders away.

We have welcomed Jonas Schlabach, Ohio, to the staff. His twin brother James and their sister Naomi are on staff. Their sister Laura and also Karen Zook's sister Wilma accompanied him here.

Ohio visitors included Wilma and Ruth Ann Miller, the Joe Thompsons, Mrs. Ura Miller, and Brenda Sommers, Gloria Stutzman & Rosemary Troyer with Auke Hasenclever from Germany.

The John Mark Yoders left to go to Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and Indiana. The Nathan Yoders went to Ontario for the weekend, and from there plan to go to Minnesota.

The Rodger Byers family moved into their new house this weekend. Coming to help were Jonas and Martha Hershberger and dau. Judy, the Willie Bylers, Ohio, and David and Frances Byers and Marvin and Becky Sensenig with their families of Pa.

The Merle Beachys and some of the staff went to Eastern Fellowship Meetings in S. Carolina.

Stopping here enroute to the fellowship meetings were former-staff Myma Lapp, Rose King, and Curtis Stoltzfus and Glenn Kauffman's brother Lauren and other youth from Pa. Karen Zook's bro. Dwayne, Ohio, and others stopped in after fellowship meetings. Ernest Glick, El Salvador also visited here briefly.

Reuben Yoders enjoyed hosting the Alvin Stoltzfuses, Pa., last week. The Roy Ulriches brought Cindy Lou Bleacher from Rustburg where she had

attended the Martin-Zook wedding. Other Pa. visitors included Raymond Peachey, Sally King, Irene Joy Kurtz and Ivy Yoder.

Murray and Bernice Martin, Can., visited Doris Horst.

Elva Yoder enjoyed hosting most of her family from Kentucky, the Jerry Yoders. Also visiting from Ky. were Grace Beachy who attended the Martin-Zook wedding, and Mark Beachy, Gina Reynolds, and Sara and Leanna Schmucker, who took Regina Kramer to Pa. for the Snell-Bender wedding.

Linda Rose Miller

STUARTS DRAFT, VA

June 19--Weather is hot and humid and getting to be a little dry.

Early Thur. morn. son Edwins and us headed for Farmville with our vans to help Noah Schwartzes with their move to Gap Mills, W. Va. Son Josephs from Aroda also helped, driving the U-Haul truck. Edwins returned the same evening, but we stayed overnight at Gap Mills.

Jerry Yoders and children, Melissa Christina and Timothy from Auburn, Ky. came to visit their dau. Elva at Mission Home, and they all attended Pilgrim services on Sun. and visited relatives.

The Amos Zook families attended a wedding at Gladys, Va. on Sat. and then had their reunion on the home place on Sun. where Raymond Millers had vacated, having their own services. On Mon. they had a children's sale.

Simon Millers have gone on a week's trip to visit the communities in Ky. and Tn.

Several loads of young folks went to attend the fellowship meetings at Abbeville, S.C. For some the return trip didn't turn out as expected, having to depend on a rented car because of car problems.

Noah Schrock and their families here were at Belvidere, Tn. over Sun.

Sam Yoders spent Sun. with their dau. Esther at Annandale, Va. Esther has plans of going back to China the latter part of July.

Tiffany, 18-month-old granddaughter of Mabel Beachy, was taken to University Hospital in Charlottesville with a brain concussion which she received when she fell from some playground equipment. If she keeps on improving, she will be released soon.

John Summy

MT. CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA**Pleasant Valley Fellowship**

June 21--It's been real warm weather with lots of nice hay being made.

Visitors at church Sunday were Timothy and Lyndora Horst from Hagerstown, Md. Lyndora is Jason Swartzentruber's special friend. Also James Swartzentrubers from Kalona, Iowa were visiting in his parents', Eldon Swartzentrubers' home. Bro. James preached for us Sunday morning.

Eldon Swartzentrubers are leaving for Paraguay this next Monday, the 21st. He is to be a speaker at their Bible study fellowship meetings down there.

Philip Lehman from here was up to Esther Otto and Steven Horst's wedding at Glade Run, Ohio.

Kenneth Lehman left for her parental home at McBride, B.C., Canada last Sat. morning. They will be gone several weeks.

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